

Curran Hits Daily News For Lie on 2nd Front

By George Morris

Joseph Curran, presiding over the first meeting of the Greater New York CIO Council since his return from England, Thursday night vigorously assailed the New York Daily News for its underhanded attack on the Second Front and the Churchill government.

An Editorial

Make It the City's Biggest

NEW YORK labor can, at the Madison Square Park demonstration next Wednesday, give a ringing answer to the defeatists and Fifth Columnists who are attempting to nullify our country's solemn word for a second front this year.

The demonstration has been called by the Greater New York CIO Council in support of the Administration's win-the-war program and "to strengthen President Roosevelt's hand" on the second front.

Yet defeatist voices, which are actually opposed to smashing Hitler, are hypocritically and slyly intimating that the demonstration is against the Administration. These voices lie in their teeth, as is shown vividly in the fighting statement of Joseph Curran elsewhere on this page.

Those Fifth Columnists who oppose the second front are traitors to the nation's safety and are seeking to undermine the established policy of our government. It is a small clique but it is dangerous and powerful. It must be answered by the overwhelming sentiment of the people in support of President Roosevelt's second front agreement with the Soviet Union and Britain.

The more expressed support the Administration receives on its second front policy the greater the opportunity exists for establishing the second front now and smashing Hitler this year. Every worker in Greater New York should turn out to the Wednesday demonstration. Make it the biggest our city has seen!

State CIO Backs 2nd Front Citywide Rally Wednesday

The New York State CIO Council, acting at its special meeting Thursday, placed the full strength of its one million members behind the great Second Front demonstration at Madison Square Park, next Wednesday, 6 P. M.

The State Council further designated its president, Gustave Strebel, to speak at the demonstration.

The demonstration, called to "strengthen the hand of President Roosevelt" for a "Second Front Now," was initiated by the Greater New York Council of the CIO. The State Council's action brings the local of the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers and other unions not affiliated with the city council behind the Wednesday demonstration.

Mr. Strebel is from the A.C.W. The state council's action supplemented a telegram to the President, it adopted unanimously pledging him "the most vigorous and unqualified support of the agreement with Britain and the Soviet Union on the Second Front" and urging that "such a front be opened immediately and the full military

strength and power of the United Nations be launched and concentrated at this critical time in world history against the Axis."

As this endorsement was being voted at Pennsylvania Hotel, and hundreds of New York locals were making unprecedented preparations for a great outpouring next Wednesday at Washington, Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary of the President, informed representatives of the CIO that its delegation will be received at the White House next Monday afternoon.

The delegation of more than 100 leaders of New York unions will visit the capital to pledge the President full second front support and

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People Want 2nd Front Now, Gallup Poll Shows

Public opinion in the United States, Britain and Canada favors the immediate opening of a Western Front, declares the Gallup Poll.

Majority opinion believes that "the Allies should undertake a large-scale invasion of Europe with what equipment they now have," the Gallup Poll states.

To the question "Should we attack now?" the answers were "Yes" in the following percentages:

U. S.—48 per cent (in favor of waiting 34 per cent).

BRITAIN—49 per cent (17 per cent for waiting).

CANADA—46 per cent (18 per cent for waiting).

In the United States, the chief argument of those favoring an immediate attack, said the Poll, is that every hour of delay works in Hitler's favor.

Curran directed his remarks just as vigorously against "a radio commentator" (Arthur Hale, of WOR) who slandered the CIO's Second Front rally at Madison Square Park next Wednesday as an anti-Roosevelt move. Curran stated that the demonstration would be in support of the Second Front, post-war agreement reached by President Roosevelt, Churchill and Molotov.

"The News is attempting to picture grumbling and disruption in England because there still is no Second Front," Curran said.

"There is no opposition of a disruptive nature among the English people today. The people are restless but they are not grumbling. What they need today is action. They are behind the agreement reached by Roosevelt, Churchill and Molotov. They speak of it as signed and ready for action."

The News, in editorials yesterday and Thursday, referred to Curran's report on the English popular demand of a Western Front, and tried to twist it into an anti-Churchill opposition. At the same time the News let out of the bag the real meaning of its sudden fervor for a second front. The notorious appeasement tabloid declares that it is up to the British alone to open the new front because the United States has its "hands full" fighting Japan.

Curran likened the News viewpoint to what he found expressed in the House of Lords in England, by a minority of die-in-the-wool appeasers against whom the movement for a second front is principally aimed.

Regarding the Madison Square Park rally, Curran said: "This rally is very important. Everyone knows that the administration of President Roosevelt is for a second front. The extent to

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NAZIS FAN OUT IN DON; GIVE WAY AT VORONEZH

Steel Union Accepts Wage Decision U. S. Planes Play Big Role In Battles

PITTSBURGH, July 17 (UP).—Following union acceptance of the War Labor Board decision for employees of the "Little Steel" companies, United Steel Workers' president Philip Murray announced tonight he would seek reopening of virtually all steel labor contracts for inclusion of the WLB provision to cover an additional 500,000 steel workers.

The committee called on steel corporations involved in the dispute to accept the decision.

Acceptance of the WLB decision was voted in a resolution which expressed "gratification" at the WLB's establishment of union security for the union and the order providing for checkoff of union dues from steel workers' pay envelopes.

[The WLB decision granted a wage increase of 44 cents an hour against the dollar demanded by the union, and a maintenance of membership clause. It also set a wage stabilization policy with living standards of January 1941 as a basis.]

U. S. Planes Play Big Role In Battles

MOSCOW, July 17 (UP).—German onslaughts on the lower Don front fanned out east toward Stalingrad and south against the railroad bisecting the Don basin today, but Soviet counter-attacks in the Voronezh area were beginning to clear out the 10-mile river corridor in the north.

The army organ Red Star said massive German tank and infantry forces continued an unbroken advance from Millerovo, striking eastward on a direct line with Stalingrad and southward toward the strategic railroad 85 miles away.

Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's left wing was reported falling back steadily in good order before the onrush of "huge" German armored and motorized forces pounding into the heart of the Don's big bend country.

NAZI RESERVES

Red Star said the German command was pouring reserves into the drive constantly, and while pounding the Soviet rear guard.

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, July 17. — "The situation is grave. The danger is great," writes Red Star, Soviet army organ, commenting on the fighting at Voronezh and in the Don Basin.

The battle of the Don grows in scope and increases in violence. The enemy is making a desperate effort to capture Voronezh. South of Voronezh the fighting continues without a minute's let-up, the paper says.

was striving to execute successive turning movements and cut off the hindmost Red Army units.

At the opposite end of the 200-mile front, however, the Red Army was fighting one of the greatest battles of the war at Voronezh, where they had wrested the initiative from a numerically superior Germany assault army and were edging it back to the Don 10 miles to the west, front reports said.

Soviet-manned American-made Aircobra fighter planes taking part in the defense of Voronezh were credited with downing 38 German planes in two and a half days, while others of the same type on roving patrol bagged 32 more.

U. S. PLANES AID

Douglas Boston fighter-bombers and Boeings furnished by the United States also were revealed to be in action over the Don valley and giving a good account of themselves.

Northwest of Voronezh in the Byansk area Red Army counter-attacks were reported to have thwarted German attempts to develop a big scale offensive. The Soviets were said by Red Star to have launched a telling series of counter-blows, recapturing several localities.

The Soviet Air Force, backing up the Red Army counter-attacks, smashed ceaselessly at German concentrations in mass raids believed to have wiped out 5,000 enemy troops.

Soviet prisoners reported that the hospitals at Orel and Kursk were choked with German wounded and more were arriving in unbroken processions.

One of the specific proposals made by the two delegates from the committee was that Biddle ask the President to issue a proclamation

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F. D. R. Studies Plans to Keep Prices Down

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—

President Roosevelt said today he has under study plans to ask Congress for more effective controls to keep the cost of living down.

Questioned during his press conference, Mr. Roosevelt refused to discuss specific points of his program but he reiterated his basic policy of opposing any action which would increase the cost of living.

The President said he had not reached a definite decision but that he was studying the possibility of communicating with Congress on the general program to hold down the cost of living.

Mr. Roosevelt was asked for his reaction to the 44-cent-a-day wage increase awarded by the War Labor Board to workers in the "Little Steel" industry.

The entire national problem of wages is relative, he replied, and in production of an article like steel an increase of 5 per cent in the wages would not force up the cost of living nearly as much as a comparable increase in a canning factory that produces food.

The President said, however, he was studying the question of whether the proposed increase for Little Steel would boost the price of steel.

SAW MURRAY

He said he had discussed the steel wage situation with CIO President Philip Murray as part of his over-all study of the anti-inflation program, but he declined to give any specific details of the conference with the CIO leader.

The whole thing, the President said, in discussing the cost of living picture, is relative. But the national situation as regards the cost of living must be kept in line as much as possible, he continued.

The relationship of wage levels in one industry to another is part of the study, he said, but the most important basic policy is to keep the cost of living from going up.

The President said the one criterion that must be kept in mind is what it costs the average family to live.

As to reports that he planned to send a message to Congress next week calling for new steps to combat inflation, the President said he had no idea at all about that.

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Fight Harder: Encouraged by the appearance of American warplanes above their battle lines, the hard-fighting Chinese armies are battling more stubbornly than ever against the Japs. A Chinese officer is shown, top right, saluting wounded Chinese after a battle in Hunan province. The downcast Jap soldiers, lower photo, are among the 2,000 prisoners captured by the Chinese in the Battle of Changsha.

Mayor Sees 'Progress' On City War Job Talks

WASHINGTON, July 17.—After conferring with War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt on New York's 400,000 unemployed workers, Mayor LaGuardia said today that some progress was made "but not enough to solve the problem."

[An analysis by Harry Raymond of Mayor LaGuardia's five-point plan to bring war work to New York plants appears on page four.]

The War Manpower Commission agreed in a statement that only "limited progress" had been made since the last meeting between New York and Federal officials on the situation.

Today's discussion, which was also attended by Governor Lehman, centered about preliminary plans for the work of the smaller war plants corporation and other steps to secure full utilization of the production facilities and manpower in New York City.

LaGuardia said that New York is the center of the nation's garment industry, and that he couldn't understand why the city's garment shops "shouldn't be used to capacity" for the war program.

Federal officials attending today's conference, in addition to McNutt, included Donald Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph Bard and War Department, Maritime Commission and Department of Representatives.

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City Hails Blow to Baseball Jim Crow

By Nat Low

Congratulations on the victory over Jim Crow in baseball flooded the offices of the DAILY WORKER yesterday as the ruling of Judge K. M. Landis became known.

Dozens of unions in the city and prominent persons wired their congratulations to Landis and to the DAILY WORKER for its splendid, consistent campaign to end Jim Crow.

The CIO War Recreational Committee wired the DAILY WORKER as follows: "The CIO greets with pleasure the statement of Judge Landis to the effect that Negro ball players can be signed to the major leagues. This is a victory for all people, especially the Negro people who want to fully engage in the life of our country. It is at the same time a blow to the Jim Crows and lynchings who would destroy our national unity by continuing the un-American, Hitlerite system of racial discrimination."

"We congratulate Judge Landis upon his stand and also the DAILY WORKER whose campaign from the very beginning fought mightily to bring about this day. The sports page of the DAILY WORKER can be proud of their achievement."

Said sports editor Buster Bills of the Negro weekly, the New York Age: "It is a major victory for Negro ballplayers and all progressive forces who helped bring it about. The DAILY WORKER and the Negro press have done a tremendous job in getting Landis to make this statement."

The IWO, with 150,000 members nationally, wired the DAILY WORKER: "The statement of Judge Landis which opens the doors of the major leagues to Negro ballplayers calls for wholehearted congratulations."

The Daily Worker Sport Page devotes its entire coverage in today's issue to the details and background of the latest victory over Jim Crow in major league baseball clinaxed by Judge Landis' statement Thursday night.

gratulations not only to him but to the DAILY WORKER, whose sports page initiated the country-wide campaign for the lifting of the unwritten ban against Negroes.—Signed, Sol Vail, National Athletic Commission, the IWO."

Israel Amter, state chairman of the Communist Party issued this statement: "The ruling of Judge Landis that Negroes have the right to play in the major leagues will be greeted by all progressives and patriots. It is a partial recognition of the rights of the Negro people to full equality in jobs and in the whole war effort."

"Credit for this recognition is due in a great measure to the DAILY WORKER which carried on an excellent campaign that stimulated the work in the trade unions on this issue and helped bring about victory. Let's have more victories that will insure the Negro people and all minority groups full and equal rights."

BLOW TO DEFEATISTS

Local 80 of the Furriers Joint Council said this: "The members of Local 80 are very much gratified to see that the bars of discrimination have broken down by the statement made by Judge Landis. We hope that the managers and owners will not pass the buck around but will take advantage of the splendid Negro ballplayers in order to strengthen their teams."

"This action is a blow against the defeatists and the fifth columnists in our country and strengthens our national unity."

City Councilman Peter V. Cacchione wired the DAILY WORKER immediately upon hearing the news on the radio. "Congratulations to the DAILY WORKER and particularly Lester Rodney, initiators of campaign to end discrimination against Negroes in professional baseball. Our new job now is to see that Negroes are hired by big league owners."

Lynton Henry, business agent of Local 88, of the Furriers Joint Council, issued this statement: "We are glad to see that Judge Landis made such a favorable decision on the question of the Negro baseball players. We think it is in line with the trend of the times in breaking down discrimination."

"We are proud that we had some little part in bringing this question to its present position. We also know that the progressive movement will not rest until Negro players are actually in the big leagues. Whatever is necessary we are willing to do our part to bring this about as speedily as possible. We call all labor to join hands with us in our efforts."

In Tomorrow's Worker

- We commemorate the Sixth Anniversary of the heroic defense of Republican Spain against fascism.
- The Worker will also feature special pages on the election campaign in New York City and State.

Victory Fiesta at Dexter Park, Jamaica, Tomorrow Afternoon

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ON THE WAR FRONT

By a Veteran Commander

The Germans Are Losing Momentum

It seems that the local breakthrough of the Germans near Voronezh has been liquidated and that the initiative on certain sectors of this front has passed to the Red Army. This factor is of great importance because it is between Voronezh and Orel that a Soviet counter-offensive is possible, because of a good railroad network here.

We still maintain that the Germans inside the Bend of the Don (the Boguchar and Millerovo sectors) are up against only Soviet rear-guards which simply delay the enemy (and rather effectively, judging by the German rate of progress). If Marshal Timoshenko succeeds in withdrawing his troops from the Bend without undue losses, the Germans themselves will finally find themselves in highly exposed positions between the Voronezh-Orel jumping-off place of the Red Army and the latter's tele-de-pont.

Major George Fielding Elliot had a remarkably sensible piece in the *Herald Tribune* yesterday, in which he analyzed the strategic reserves available to both sides and voiced the opinion that the Germans were already drawing upon those re-

serves while the Russians very wisely were still holding back their future use.

and radio commentators went to town Thursday night. So badly that one of them (the *New York Times* man on WMCA at 7 P. M. if I am not mistaken) even placed Millerovo "in the northern confines of the Caucasus," and Quincy Howe got "north" and "south" completely mixed up. They all tried to emphasize the importance of the German push south and southeast from Millerovo and insisted on calling it the "march on Stalingrad." The general direction does point toward Stalingrad, true, but the real crux of the situation does not lie here, but between Lischansk and Voroshilovgrad and at Voronezh.

All in all, the situation, still terribly dangerous, has probably taken a slight turn for the better. The figures on the losses of both sides during the last two months (900,000 for the Germans and 399,000 for the Red Army), enormous though they are, coincide in their ratio with estimates made during the course of the battle.

General von Rommel seems to be committing his all to a new general battle of tanks west of El Alamein. No predictions or commentaries are possible at this time.

There is nothing to report from the other fronts, except for a British daylight bombing raid on the Ruhr. If the British can raid Germany in daytime and get away with such small losses, one can say this: either the Germans do not take these raids seriously or the Luftwaffe is simply "somewhere else."

(As of July 16)

Belgians Step Up 2nd Front Sabotage, Gestapo Panicky

The Nazis in Belgium are on the alert, not alone because of the ever mounting acts of sabotage organized by the underground movement, but especially because they fear widespread popular guerrilla action in alliance with a second front offensive.

Gestapo agents in Alsace, for example have drawn up a list of names and addresses of 200 people to be watched in the event of English parachute landings in that area, according to the *Het Vrije Vlaanderen*, Flemish underground paper.

The pro-Nazi *Nieuw Journal* of Brussels, in a recent issue admitted that the population is "inundated with clandestine newspapers and foreign radio news."

Open outbursts against the Nazi regime are reported from the Eupen and Malmédy territories on the eastern borders of Belgium. There a number of men mobilized for military service smashed a picture of Hitler hanging in a cafe and left their village. Rounded up, they sang the *Brabantse* (Belgian National Anthem) and La Marseillaise in their train on the way to Axis territory. At Mont Joie they shouted, "We are Belgians and wish to remain in Belgium."

ANTI-NAZI CLERGY

In Flanders three local Nazis went to their spire on the priests. "Now the priests incite their parishioners to boycott anti-Bolshevik meetings," says the Nazi-controlled *De Nationalist*. "Catholic students have systematically removed posters announcing such meetings."

The Belgian youth "refuse to act according to the new laws," rages the pro-Nazi *Recht* paper, *Le Nouveau Journal* of Brussels.

The Brussels Federation of the Young Socialist Guard has circulated an appeal to the people to expose all traitors, though they are few in number, and render them harmless.

The appeal says:

"People of Brussels, mark every traitor's house with a swastika. Boycott all tradesmen who are members of parties supporting the invaders."

"Make all mercenaries realize that you do not want parades of Black Shirts."

"Friends, we will vanquish the common enemy."

In Overboelare, young National Socialists tried to parade. A crowd of people moved in on them, broke up the parade, and chased the Nazis off the streets.

In Liège, "sabotage has become an institution," says a recent issue of *La Resistance*, underground Brussels paper. *La Resistance* reports the following events. Bombs exploded in a Gestapo center in the Nagnant works. Seven were killed, seven wounded. More bombs ex-

ploded at the Constructions Electriques de Belgique. The city secretary at Vise, a Rexist, was shot by patriots. His successor, also a Rexist, is already receiving threatening letters.

In Verviers the Nazis requisitioned textile products for the German army on the eastern front. When the cloth got there it was filled with holes, writes *La Libre Belgique*, an underground paper. Patriots had had sprinkled the cloth with acid prior to its shipment, the paper reports.

At Viane-Moerbeke, a placard with the words "Death to Traitors" was found nailed to the front of the local National Socialist headquarters. A crowd collected in front of the building and the Nazi police arrested a number of them.

At Heeswyrt, the National Socialist, Gilbert De Smet, was wounded by an unknown assailant. He died in a hospital at Kortrijk.

In order to deal with the patriotic activities of the Belgian people the Nazis have organized the Special Field Police which is directly responsible in almost all cases where Belgian patriots are sentenced to death. A recent victim was Jules Llenart, chief inspector of the Rue du Poinçon Police Division, in Brussels. He was condemned to death by the Nazis for being in "illegal possession of firearms and cooperating in the publication of secret newspapers."

Yugoslavs Slash 30 Miles Into Italy

LONDON, July 17 (UP).—Yugoslav patriots are battling Italian regular troops six miles from the port of Fiume, and have swooped three times down from the Julian Alps, in daring raids against Italian garrisons near Trieste, 30 miles inside Italy, it was reported tonight.

The Italians, according to "underground" reports reaching London, have increased their army of occupation to more than 300,000 men, who are engaged in battles with the Yugoslavs along the Italian-Croatian border.

The Fiume battle appeared to be just inside the Yugoslav border with Gen. Draja Mihailovich's patriots fighting both Italian troops and members of the pro-Fascist *Ustashi* "terrorist" legion.

The drives against garrisons near Trieste, 40 miles northwest of Fiume on the gulf of Venice, were reported carried out by night. They were part of Mihailovich's campaign to strike in widely scattered areas and force the Italians to "thin out" their troops.

At the same time, reports from Istanbul said that Hungarian premier Nicholas von Kallay admitted in parliament Wednesday the execution of 2,500 Serbs during January, February and March in the Banat region of northern Yugoslavia, which has been taken over by Hungary.

Reliable quarters in Istanbul estimated, however, that more than 50,000 civilians were killed this year in the Banat region where the population, with aid from fierce anti-fascist Chetnik bands, revolted against their "Hungarian oppressors."

In an effort to meet the nightly threat of raids against their garrisons, Axis occupation troops were reported to have thrown up barbed wire around the towns of Ljubljana, Celje, Karlovac, Delnice and Oriskanya, all in the arrow-shaped tip of northwestern Yugoslavia.

Mihailovich is reported to have concentrated the greater part of his forces—estimated at approximately 200,000—in Croatia, where the native populace has shown intense hatred for the Italians.

Part of that hatred was said to have been bred when the Italians began transporting everything edible and moveable into Italy. Some reports said conditions in Dalmatia were comparable to those of Greece,

Senate Approves 93 Million Oil Pipeline Bill

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—The Senate tonight approved the \$93,000,000 Florida canal-oil pipeline bill after Vice President Henry A. Wallace cast the vote which prevented it from being stripped of waterway projects.

The measure, intended to facilitate movement of petroleum to the rationed East coast area, already has been passed by the House and now goes back for concurrence in a series of technical Senate amendments.

Passage by voice vote came after two days of debate during which the measure was violently attacked by Sen. Josiah Bailey, D., N. C., and a Republican group led by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan.

Mexico Leaders Urge Vichy Free Anti-Nazis

By Alfred Miller
(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, July 17.—Sixteen Mexican Congressmen, including Emilio Gutierrez Roldan, president of the Chamber of Deputies, cabled Vichy France authorities this week asking for the release of noted German anti-Nazis.

The cable had reference to Franz Dahlem, Siegfried Raedel and Heinrich Rau, with others, and demanded that they not be surrendered to Hitler but be allowed to leave for the American continent. Granting of this request, the Mexican Deputies pointed out, "would help the friendship between the French people and the peoples of America."

These anti-Nazis, along with the writer, Rudolf Leonard, all prominent in the fight against Nazi-fascism, were taken from French concentration camps some time ago at the demand of Hitler, in order to be surrendered to the Gestapo. They are being held now in the military prison of Castres, in Vichy France. Their fate, once they fall into the hands of the Nazis, will equal that of Breitscheid and Hilferding. These two Social-Democrats, cabinet members in the government of the Weimar Republic, suffered a horrible death after Vichy extradited them to Nazi Germany. Protesters from this Continent may

Japanese Massacre 600,000 Chinese: U. S. Pilots Smash at Hankow Base

CHUNGKING, July 17 (UP).—Japanese occupation forces have massacred more than 600,000 able-bodied Chekiang province civilians since mid-June in an attempt to uproot guerrilla resistance, a reliable Chinese source said today.

In fear of their lives, other civilians, including in excess of 500,000 youths, have fled from their town and village homes in the coastal province below Shanghai to the mountains along the northern border of Fukien province, it was reported.

Meanwhile, fighter-escorted United States bombers achieved "every satisfactory result" in smashing at the Hankow waterfront yesterday in the fourth raid since July 1 on this largest of Japan's invasion bases in Central China, it was announced at the headquarters of Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of United States Army forces in China, India and Burma. Docks and other installations were particular targets.

The news agency also reported that the Chinese in Kiangsi province had recaptured Sankiangkou, a strategic river town about 30 miles south of Nanchang in the direction of Chinese-encircled Linchuan. They overwhelmed the enemy forces in the Kuhua mountains and in pursuit of them took the town with little fighting.



Out of the Mud: When a big United States Army tank bogs down in a mudhole, it takes considerable ingenuity and skill to extricate it. Tank maintenance crews are trained at Aberdeen, Md., to do this. Here they show how they do it with cables attached to powerful motors.

RAF Hurls Tons of Bombs On U-Boat Bases

LONDON, July 17 (UP).—Two squadrons of giant RAF Stirlings, each packed with nine tons of demolition and fire bombs, swooped down simultaneously from low clouds on the German Baltic ports of Luebeck and Flensburg last night to strike another blow at the source of Nazi U-boat marauders.

The Flenderwerke shipyards five miles northeast of the already devastated port of Luebeck, where as many as 15 submarines have been seen on the slipways or being outfitted in a single day, was one target, and some of the four-motored Stirlings dived down to 500 feet to leave bombs into it.

The shipyards at Flensburg are about the same size.

The attack was made at 10:30 P. M. but it was still twilight in that area. Two Stirlings, which made the trip without fighter escort, were shot down. It was the third "daylight" attack on Flensburg since July 2.

Aussies Retake 'Hill of Jesus'; Nazis Repulsed

CAIRO, July 17 (UP).—Australian troops have recaptured the "Hill of Jesus" at the north end of the Egyptian front; New Zealanders are beating back waves of German tanks from Ruweisat ridge, in the center, and South Africans have routed an Italian force with bayonets on the south end, front dispatches revealed tonight.

A vicious tank battle was raging through its second day in the central sector and the New Zealanders were reported holding their ground in close quarter fighting.

German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was reported throwing all the armor he could assemble into the middle of the Imperial line and, despite the Australians' stand, which was costing him terrifically in men and tanks, it was emphasized that the outcome of the battle, which might open or seal indefinitely the road to Alexandria, was still in doubt.

British Communists Meet for 2nd Front

LONDON, July 17 (UP).—The Central Committee of Britain's Communist Party held a special session today and issued a statement calling attention to the "extreme gravity of the war situation." It urged "all labor and democratic organizations and all individual citizens to lose no time pressing upon the Prime Minister, government and members of Parliament . . . the imperative urgency of the immediate establishment of a second front."

Hitler is making his supreme effort in an attempt to gain victory and forestall the second front, and "in this most critical moment of the war . . . we cannot afford to hold the bulk of British and American forces inactive," the statement said.

Nazis Fan Out in Don; Give Way at Voronezh

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far from relieved, admitting that more German units still were inside its defenses and were receiving constant reinforcements.

The Germans were reported rushing up more masses of tanks and infantry, apparently intending to renew the attempt to turn the city.

SOVIETS POUND FOE AT VORONEZH

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, July 17.—The Germans lost up to 1,000 men yesterday on one small sector of the Voronezh front in an effort to hold the area as a vantage point, according to Soviet war correspondent, A. Tsvetov.

Soviet artillery and aircraft are hampering the enemy's efforts to bring up reinforcements for the groups that have already broken through.

Fighting is in progress also considerably to the south and north of Voronezh on the banks of the Don. Twenty enemy planes were handed yesterday.

Handed tank fighting is going on in the city streets, and in some sections the Nazis have been driven back to the suburbs by artillery and trench mortar fire.

Within the city the battle is an unusually large scale even though it is being fought for a single block at times. In some sections the Germans have begun to erect fortifications hastily within the cities. They have driven their tanks into captured buildings and fire through embrasures cut into the walls.

NAZI LIES ON RZHEV BATTLE EXPLODED

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, July 17.—Contrary to their hysterical claims about the encirclement of several divisions, with tens of thousands of prisoners taken, the advances of the Nazis in the district southwest of Rzhew can be measured "in single miles," says Colonel Vorobyev writing in *Red Star*, Soviet army paper.

Furthermore, Col. Vorobyev writes, the Nazis made "no headway . . . in the operative sense."

"In fierce engagements with numerically superior enemy forces, the Soviet group inflicting heavy losses on the Germans in men and material, also suffered considerable losses. It was obliged to withdraw from the occupied district of defense, but immediately transferred to another district where it continues to carry out fighting assignments."

"As for the losses of the Nazis themselves, it suffices to cite one figure," he writes. "In these battles over 200 German tanks were damaged or destroyed, a figure the Germans prefer to pass over in silence."

While the Germans succeeded in reaching the Soviet communication lines at some points, actually they "failed to split the Soviet defense in its entire depth and break the interaction between its various sections," says Col. Vorobyev. "The Soviet units preserved their effectiveness."

Brazil Ousts Pro-Axis Police Chief in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 17.—President Getulio Vargas today accepted the resignation of pro-fascist chief of police of the federal district Felinto Muller, in a sharp blow against the Brazilian fifth column. Resignations of three cabinet members were also accepted.

Muller actually was removed from office earlier this month because of his attempts to create a Brazilian Gestapo patterned after the Hitler model. He has given protection to fifth column elements and is particularly hated by the Brazilian people because of his persecution of the imprisoned anti-fascist leader, Luis Carlos Prestes.

The cabinet members, whose resignations were accepted by official decree, were Minister of Justice Francisco da Silva Campos, Under-Secretary to the Minister of Justice Vasco Leitao de Cunha, Director General of the Press and Propaganda Lourival Fontes.

Poles Derail Trains, Raid Nazi Air School

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

BEIRUT, Lebanon, July 17.—Transportation on the Lvov-Cracow railway was interrupted for 24 hours on June 22, anniversary of the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union, when Polish patriots derailed a munitions train at the Piascov station, according to information reaching here.

Falling to find those responsible the Germans hanged seven Polish railwaymen.

During a raid on a German army pilots' school in occupied Poland, Polish guerrillas killed two high officers, the school director and his assistant.

A five-hour fire demolished the gasoline depot at the eastern railway station in Warsaw on July 6. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Puerto Rican Pro-Axis Bloc Perils Defense

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 17.—Attacks on Gov. Rexford Tugwell and President Roosevelt are inspired by pro-Axis forces on the island, Santiago Iglesias, Jr., head of the Socialist Party, charged here this week.

The Popular Bloc, in which the Socialist Party is participating, has been waging a strong campaign against the big sugar trusts and island financial interests who are sabotaging the win-the-war program of Pres. Roosevelt. Iglesias called Bolivar Pagan, a so-called socialist, as a false representative of the Puerto Rican people in Washington. The attacks on Tugwell, he said, "must be recognized as Nazi-fascist."

These pro-Axis groups have threatened to boycott the special session of the Puerto Rican legislature called by Gov. Tugwell for Aug. 4. Important measures to improve the economic conditions of this poverty-ridden island and to improve its defenses are scheduled to come before the special session.

The strategy of the pro-Axis bloc is to prevent a quorum from participating in the session and thus block the entire economic and defense program. Many of the items on the agenda have been requested by the U. S. War Department to aid in prosecuting the war in the Caribbean area.

Make India Our Ally

An Editorial

From the news, often contradictory and heavily censored, which reaches us from India it is difficult to obtain a true picture of the situation. But what stands out is that the failure of the British to go even half way in meeting the demands of the Indian nationalist movement is endangering the defense of India.

Continued insistence of the London government upon the proposals first presented by Sir Stafford Cripps and its failure to make any move to reopen negotiations at the basis of the present difficulties. This stand leaves the way open for Gandhi to press his "non-violent passive resistance" position and to divert the Indian people from the task of building national unity in defense of India.

The only grounds upon which real independence can be gained and assured. The adamant, old-line Tory attitude which still strongly influences the British approach to India plays into the hands of Gandhi who, as has often been shown in the past, is not representative of the authentic Indian independence movement.

Nor can the situation possibly be improved by the thinly-veiled threats contained in inspired stories originating in London. These stories, without mentioning any authorities, profess to report the official British attitude. According to them, it is "feared" that Britain may be "forced" to adopt stern measures against

The All-India Congress. It is to be fervently hoped that this is not the position of the British government for no matter what one may think of the latest Gandhi resolution, the way to win the full alliance of the Indian people is certainly not by returning to the drastic suppressive measures of the past.

The way to win this alliance is for the British Government immediately to take the initiative in reopening negotiations on the basis of recognizing a new National Independent Government for India and the right of the Indian people to arm themselves now for the defense of their own country. This is the only material, concrete way by which the Indian people can be convinced to place trust in Allied promises that full independence will be increasingly theirs during the war as well as after.

But it is not only a matter for Britain. It is also our responsibility. The defense of India is vital to our national security, and our troops and materials are already contributing to defending India. It therefore behooves labor and the people in our country, paralleling the action of all the progressive forces in Britain, to urge our government to use its influence to assure the immediate steps—National Government and arming of the people—and to help guarantee the establishment and safeguarding of complete Indian independence.

Congress Urged to End Dies Committee; 'Daily' Exposed Fascist Aide on Payroll

The National Federation for Constitutional Liberties yesterday called upon Congress to answer the disclosure that Rep. Martin Dies has on the payroll of the Dies Committee a former employee of a notorious pro-fascist organization by abolishing the Dies Committee.

The Federation was among the leading organizations which exposed and combatted the Dies Committee for befriending defunct, appeasers and pro-fascists.

The Daily Worker yesterday revealed that Hazel Hoffman, for many years a confidential aide to Joseph P. Kamp, head of the defunct pro-fascist Constitutional Educational League, had been hired by the Dies Committee as an investigator.

Speaking for the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, Miss Eleanor Kahn, administrative secretary, said:

"The Daily Worker is to be commended for exposing the long connection between the notorious Dies Committee investigator, Hazel Hoffman, and the equally notorious Constitutional Educational League."

"This relationship, one of many which can and must be exposed between pro-fascist forces in the United States and Rep. Martin Dies, is confirmation of the charge by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties in February of this year that the pro-Axis leanings of the Dies Committee hinder the war effort."

"In a memorandum published Feb. 9, 1942, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties declared, 'behind a smokescreen of talk and charges and allegations, Martin Dies continues to shield and protect his friends and supporters, the thoroughly un-American pro-Axis organizers and propagandists in our nation.'"

"The House of Representatives could give no better proof of its desire to eliminate all forces of disunity and to speed victory over the Axis than a resolution terminating the life of the Dies Committee, which since its continuance in April, 1942, has not only threatened our basic constitutional rights but has aided and abetted those who would in turn aid and abet our Axis enemies."

State CIO Backs 2nd Front Citywide Rally Wednesday

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to call upon New York's Senators and members of Congress to urge support of an immediate second front offensive.

GREAT RESPONSE

Reports from local unions at the CIO Council's regular meeting at Manhattan Center indicated that the response from the shops has surpassed all anticipations. Hundreds of thousands of the light-green colored postcards addressed to the President were grabbed by several new printings had to be placed. Locals have been calling special meetings of shop stewards with mobilization for the great rally the No. 1 task in the coming days.

Broadway came through en-masse in support of the rally. Scores of stage stars and prominent performers in all spheres will be on the large platform at Madison Square Park to entertain the crowds during the demonstration.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Strong support is also rolling up among the city's church people. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of the "Churchman," has initiated a drive for signatures among the city's churchmen for a statement backing the Second Front and the rally.

The transport Workers Union and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, two of the largest trade union groups in the city, expect to bring a large turnout of their members. Both unions are holding a special meeting of their shop stewards on Tuesday night.

LABOR'S ELECTION BODY URGES WESTERN FRONT

Immediate opening of a Western front to crush Hitler in line with

the President's policy, was declared the vital issue in the present election campaign in a statement issued today by the Trade Union Committee to Elect Win-the-War Candidates.

"The people's call for immediate land offensive on the continent of Europe has joined the issue between appeasement and defeatism on the one hand and patriotism on the other," the statement said.

The Committee, which is supported by more than 300 AFL, CIO and independent unions in the city, urged full participation in the gigantic Second Front Rally which has been called by the CIO Council at Madison Square Park, next Wednesday at 6 P.M.

Denouncing the Fifth and Sixth Columns in America, which were accused of working night and day to thwart the President's policy for a second front, the committee's statement said, "these people who raise false fears and give false military tips and belittle the strength of United Nations arms must be recognized for what they are—friends of the enemy."

The statement said: "These demonstrations of unity behind the President's agreement on the urgency of a second front are democratic political actions which strengthen policy. They must now be carried into the elections to assure that the President's backing by the Congress will be representative of his backing by the people."

"Such Congressmen as Vito Marcantonio, who goes the whole way in support of the President and who fights to make that support effective with constant aim at a crushing offensive, must be returned to Congress. Appeasers and defuncts and pro-fascists such as William Barry of Queens must be recognized as enemies of the nation and swamped at the ballot box."



Better Late Than Never? Better NEVER Late From the Christian Science Monitor

Unions All Over U.S. Ask Speedy 2nd Front

By Jack Young (Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, July 17.—"Only an immediate land invasion of Western Europe will guarantee winning the war," President Roosevelt was told today in a telegram sent him by Philip M. Connelly, California State CIO president, and 37 other local CIO leaders.

"Congratulations on your statement promising a return of freedom, equality and fraternity to the French people."

"Words alone will not accomplish this. Only an immediate land invasion of Western Europe will guarantee winning the war. Postponement of opening a Western Front, hourly increases and jeopardizes our own liberty and freedom."

"Let us commemorate this Bastille Day by an immediate opening of a Western Front as the best possible means to guarantee our priceless heritage and to restore peace and liberty to the people of the world."

Seamen Act to Speed New Front

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, July 17.—A membership meeting of the National Maritime Union, CIO, here, expressing alarm at the delay in opening of a second front in Europe, unanimously elected a committee to take immediate steps to arouse the workers of this port to the urgency of a western offensive.

Detroit CIO Calls for Action

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, July 17.—The Greater Detroit and Wayne County Industrial Union Council, CIO, voicing the sentiment of its 325,000 members, unanimously adopted a resolution putting "his wholehearted support behind the recent pact arrived at between the United States, Great Britain and Russia."

Electrical Union Urges Speed

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 17.—Sargent, Local 243, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, unanimously passed a resolution, backing the recent Allied second front agreement and declaring that the "crisis facing the armies of the United Nations today requires the quickest offensive possible if we are to achieve victory."

Fur Union Asks End to Delay

Five thousand members of the Joint Board Fur Dressers and Dyers Union called for the immediate opening of the Second Front at executive board and membership meetings this week in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Manager Sam Burt, announced.

A statement and resolution on the Second Front which was unanimously adopted was sent to President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Peoples Commissar of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union, Molotov.

"The people of America and Europe must not be let down," declared the statement.

"Why has the Second Front agreement not yet been put into effect? Because the fifth column in America and its dupes and stooges have been working overtime to confuse the issues. They carry on propaganda to the effect that invasion is risky, that other parts of the world have got

32 Locals of District 50 Quit Lewis

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, July 17.—David Elliot, national representative of the national council of Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers, today announced that 4,835 New Jersey members of District 50, United Mine Workers, had switched their affiliation to the National Council of Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers.

These 4,835 members in 26 local unions represent practically the entire former membership of the United Mine Workers of America in northern New Jersey.

Elliot said:

"The 26 locals embracing 4,835 members in northern New Jersey have demonstrated their belief in American democracy and their support of Philip Murray and the CIO by this action of repudiating the dictatorship of John L. Lewis and his sabotage of America's war effort. This action indicates that the Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers want above all to win the war."

6,000 UNIONISTS REJECT LEWIS UNION

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, July 17.—Six thousand members of six different locals today issued a statement simultaneously renouncing the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee, controlled by John L. and Denny Lewis.

All the locals have received or applied for new charters in the CIO under the leadership of Philip Murray. This information was made public today by the state headquarters of the Michigan CIO.

The Local unions are: Local 207, Vernon Ginger Ale Company; Local 98, employees on construction work; Local 195, Chamberlain Metal Weather Strip Company; Local 223 and Local 373, building service employees; Local 307, lumber company employees at Cuyler Michigan.

Navy Establishes New Labor Relations Policy

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—The Navy moved today to improve its relations with organized labor by establishment of "a policy of giving consideration to all legitimate proposals and protests of accredited representatives of labor."

In a letter addressed to supervisors in the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks and to the international officers of AFL Building trades unions, Rear Admiral Ben Morell, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, said:

"The administration policy with respect to the recognition of the legitimate place of labor organizations is well known and has been enacted into law. The spirit of this policy should be carried through all of our dealings with the representatives of labor."

He declared that "much can be accomplished toward establishing cordial labor relations if the accredited representatives of labor are convinced that any legitimate proposal which they make will receive careful consideration and will not be subject to peremptory rejection."

Negro Labor Committee Greets NAACP Parley

The Negro Labor Victory Committee yesterday sent fraternal greetings to Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in annual conference at Los Angeles, and urged election of "a committee to join us in Washington on a date to be mutually agreed upon" for the purpose of presenting to the President "a widespread program of full citizenship rights for Negro Americans."

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Curran Hits 'News' Lie on Second Front

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which it gets support for the second front, especially from labor, will determine the speed with which the second front is opened."

Curran warned that there must be speed or "we'll have a second front when it is too late."

MUST NOT BE TOO LATE

"If it is opened too late, you won't have to worry about any problems in your local union. Hitler will be your local president. You won't have any worries about interpreting your local union constitution too. Hitler will be the constitution. Nor will you have any worries about discrimination and such things. Your head will be in the same basket with the rest."

Curran gave his impressions of England at war, and told of his talks with prominent labor leaders and government officials. He was there for the maritime conference of the International Labor Office.

He said he was particularly im-

pressed with Labor Minister Ernest Bevin to whom he suggested a visit to the United States.

"I also suggested that he may help bring about labor unity," Curran said. "He said that if it were possible he would be glad to make the trip."

Curran lashed out against anti-British propaganda as he gave a vivid account of the achievements of the British people in shipyards, tank and plane factories, under fire. "I must say that I have received some surprises," Curran said. "Every place I went to there was one thing to marvel at, and that is the recovery from the worst aerial blitzes in history. Everything has been cleaned up and everything is back in operation."

"They are working 60-70 hours a week in the shipyards and they get off one Sunday out of three. Yet, they say hours and wages are important. But they also say that there will be little use of those hours and conditions if Hitler wins the war."

unanimous vote it was agreed immediately to issue a quarter of a million post cards to be distributed city-wide and mailed to President Roosevelt calling for immediate action.

In addition, all locals of the CIO will hold local shop meetings calling for action right now for the Second Front. Finally, all internationalists will be urged to arrange for a special national broadcast to express labor's urgent insistence that the second front agreement be made a reality immediately.

Yesterday afternoon, at the 3rd St. gate of the "Big Mill" in just off the shift, met at the call of the victory production committee and enthusiastically cheered a pledge to do everything for the immediate opening of the Second Front.

"We, members of Lodge 65 of the United Steel Workers, employed by U. S. Steel, pledge without reservation to work and assist in all ways our government and will make every sacrifice that may become necessary for the opening of a Western Front and to beat Hitlerism, not in years to come, but in 1942," declared Albert Towers, President of 65, on behalf of its members.

These are the men who have broken record after record in steel production. Last night, at Indiana Harbor, a meeting of 5,000 more steel workers took a similar pledge. This impressive movement will receive additional power from the great victory rally of Slavs to be held at Soldiers' Field on Sunday, at which the theme of strike now will be dominant.

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WAR COSTS MONEY—BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Poll Taxers Gang Up on Bill To Give Soldiers Right to Vote

A bill to permit soldiers to vote for the leaders of the country they are willing to die for (H. R. 7223) is caught by a poll-tax bottleneck in the House Rules Committee. Committee opponents of the measure see it as "a dangerous opening wedge" threatening their dynasty.

Although the measure proposes nothing more than a procedure under which men in the armed services could vote, Virginia's Howard Smith and Georgia's Gene Cox, together with other members of the Rules Committee are trying desperately to kill the bill and keep it from a vote on the floor.

Referring to deny the simple privilege of the polling place to those who are fighting for their country rather than to risk any precedent which might point the way to ridding America of the poll

tax, these gentlemen reveal themselves as true summer soldiers. The bill, supported by the American Legion and an impressive array of other patriotic organizations, will undoubtedly pass the House if it can squeeze past the poll-tax-clogged bottleneck.

Rep. Ramsay, West Virginia, author of the bill, which was reported favorably by the Committee on the Election of President and Members of Congress, said of his measure: "To compel the voters of this

country to fight to preserve for us these precious rights and privileges, and at the same time exclude them from the rights of citizenship, by the enactment of personal registration laws by State Legislatures, seems too absurd to contemplate."

DUTY OF CONGRESS

"The Constitution makes it the duty of Congress to see that every citizen has the right to vote and to protect him in that right," he said. "If the State legislatures are permitted to legislate every restriction they may deem desirable against a voter before he is eligible to vote, it reduces itself to an absurdity, since the legislatures could decide that before a man would have the right to vote, he would be a millionaire;

before a man would have the right to vote, he would necessarily have to be a white man; or that he would have to be a member of just one political party, thereby denying all others who did not believe in a certain political party, from having the right to vote at all."

Ramsay cited legal authorities for Congressional action to extend the right to vote to the armed forces. "Neither the legislature nor the people of any State in the face of Article 1, sections 2 and 4 of our Federal Constitution, by legislative enactment or by State constitution, can evade the plain and unmistakable intent and purpose in defining the power and duty of Congress on the subject of elections."

Mayor Proposes 5-Point Plan To Bring War Work to City

By Harry Raymond

Mayor LaGuardia yesterday told War Manpower Commission Chairman Paul V. McNutt that failure to utilize New York City's workers and industry to the utmost in the war production effort had made the city a "distress area" with increasing unemployment and bankrupt industrial enterprises.

The industrial trend in New York, said a survey of the Mayor's Department of Commerce, destined the city to be "the country's largest war casualty."

Before boarding a plane at La Guardia Field for the Washington conference, the Mayor made public a five-point program to untangle New York's war-time industrial snarl. It was contained in a ten-page memorandum from George A. Sloan, Commissioner of the City Department of Commerce.

The memorandum points out that whereas employment throughout the United States from mid-April to mid-June has increased, it has actually declined 96,000 in New York City.

FIVE-POINT PLAN

To relieve the situation and put the city's manpower to work fully in the war effort, LaGuardia proposed: 1. Retention of competent engineering firms by the War Production Board or smaller War Plants Corporation to place war contracts in New York City.

2. Allocation to New York City of the type of product normally made in New York.

3. Concentration of curtailment of consumer goods production in those areas that are fully occupied with war contracts.

4. Formal recognition of New York City as a "distress area."

5. Prompt application of the government's small war plants policy and program to New York City.

CITY HAS FACILITIES, SKILL

"New York has available space, unused machinery and available labor," said the memorandum submitted by the Mayor to the McNutt conference.

LaGuardia urged that engineers employed by the WPA or the Smaller War Plants Corporation should study local industry on the basis of war needs, line up the contracts, supervise sub-contracting and acquire necessary machinery for use in plants which need additional equipment to round out productive facilities.

He stated that while many products required by the Quartermaster Corps (such as clothing) are produced in bulk here in peace-time, only small clothing orders have been given to New York firms.

Concerning the concentration of curtailment of consumer goods, the Mayor's memorandum said: "While it is recognized that there must be an extensive curtailment of consumer goods production, if all the productive facilities of the country are to be used to the best advantage, the curtailment of consumer goods production should be concentrated in the manufacturing areas which have large war contracts, and such consumer goods production as remains should be placed in those areas that do not have war contracts."

"The man or woman who loses his job in Detroit because of a curtailment of consumer goods production, has an excellent chance of getting a job in a war factory, but the man or woman who loses a job in New York City will very likely be added to the relief rolls."

'WAR CASUALTY'

Because of essential priority and rationing regulations, continued the Mayor's memorandum, New York City is "destined to be the country's largest war casualty." The memorandum adds:

"If this fact is formally recognized by the various government agencies, it may help in bringing about the necessary relief measures; for instance, we know that if the Ordnance Department recognizes New York City as a distress area, the procurement offices are permitted to place contracts here on a reasonable price differential basis."

"We can assure the government that once such a policy is adopted and a few large contracts are placed, the need for such a differential will gradually diminish."

LaGuardia asked that the Smaller War Plants Corporation, headed by Lou L. Holland, give priority consideration to New York City and that a branch of the Corporation be established in the city.

"We are essentially a city of small industries," said the memorandum, "with 35,000 factories employing 19 workers on an average."

"Innumerable small plants in New York City will be obliged to go out of business within the next few months because of raw material shortage, etc., for their normal type of work, and because of their inability to obtain war contracts."

U. S. Holds 3 on \$50,000 Bail for Aiding Nazi Spies

(By United Press)

Two men and a woman were held in \$50,000 bail each today for further hearing July 31 after they were arraigned in Federal Court on charges of aiding one of the eight Nazi saboteurs who came to this country last month on Nazi submarine.

Helmut Leiner of (21-58 37th Ave.), Astoria, N. Y.; Anthony Cramer, (171 E. 83rd St.), New York, and Hedwig Engemann, (738 E. 86th St.), New York, were arraigned before Federal Judge Bascom S. Deaver.

They were charged specifically with having "received, relieved, aided and comforted" John Kerling, one of four Nazi saboteurs who was landed from a U-boat on a Florida beach on June 17. Kerling is now on trial with seven other saboteurs at Washington.

Subsequently, Hermann Christian Fajz, 36, of (32-40 46th St.), Astoria, N. Y., was arraigned in Brooklyn before U. S. Commissioner Jacob A. Viesel on charges of aiding and assisting two of the four saboteurs who were landed at Amagansett, N. Y. He was held in \$25,000 bail for hearing on July 31.

U. S. Attorney Mathias Correa said a Federal Grand Jury would be asked to indict the three saboteur aides at the completion of the current trial at Washington before a military tribunal. He said that his office would determine specific trial charges before that time. It was alleged at today's arraignment that the three suspects had aided Kerling with the full knowledge that he had come to the United States from Germany to commit sabotage.

City CIO Demands Lynchers Punished

By Eugene Gordon

The Greater New York Council, CIO, Thursday night voted to write a demand to Governor Coke R. Stevenson of Texas and Attorney General Francis Biddle that the known lynchers of Willie Vinson last Monday be punished forthwith.

The Council, representing 250 locals with an overall membership of 500,000, called upon all locals to send similar telegrams. In the meantime the Welfare Local (Local 1) of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, gave an indication of the activity in that organization when, at a membership meeting in the Manhattan Industrial High School Thursday night, it wired the President to issue an order demanding that "all instigators of lynchings be brought to justice" and that all agencies of the federal, state and local governments be required to protect Negro lives.

Why No Action On Lynchings? Biddle Asked

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guaranteeing the citizenship rights of Negroes.

They said that Biddle had promised to discuss the situation with President Roosevelt.

Another delegation from the Negro Labor Victory Committee conferred during the day with Wendell Lund, director of the War Production Board's Labor Production Division.

This group asked Lund to take steps to see to it that war contracts are awarded to the Spring Products Company in Long Island. The plant will be sold at auction next week and 450 workers thrown out of their jobs unless prompt action is taken.

Four hundred of the 450 workers are Negroes.

Petition to End Poll Tax

A table will be set in front of each of three small Negro churches in West midtown Manhattan tomorrow, with petitions calling for Congressmen from this district to vote for the discharge petition on the Geyer anti-poll tax bill. There will be someone at each table to supervise the taking of signatures.

The churches are St. Cyprian's, W. 63rd St., between Amsterdam and Columbus Aves., at noon; the Triumph Baptist Church, 312 W. 53rd St., at 1:30, and St. Stephens Baptist Church, 428 W. 52nd St., between Ninth and Tenth Sts., at 1:30.

Miss Treva Birch, president of the West Side Council, National Negro Congress, will make a brief speech at each place, explaining to the congregations as they leave the churches this reason for this action.

CIO Proposes 10 Billion Tax Plan for War

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the tax bill "must still pass the Senate."

Increased labor and progressive pressure for a real tax program is expected when the Senate Finance Committee begins consideration of the tax bill next Thursday.

FDR MEETS WITH ADVISERS ON TAX BILL

WASHINGTON, July 17 (UP).—President Roosevelt today discussed with some of his fiscal advisers the prospects of Senate action to boost the yield of the pending tax bill above the total which the House is expected to approve next Monday.

He conferred with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Chairman Walter F. George, D., Ga., of the Senate Finance Committee and Randolph Paul, Treasury tax expert.

George told reporters that the conference was mainly a discussion of "certain things recommended by the Treasury but rejected by the House Ways and Means Committee" in drafting the House version of the bill.

The House version of the measure will yield an estimated \$6,200,000,000 in contrast to the \$3,700,000,000 in new revenue originally sought by the Treasury.

The White House conference took place as the House entered its second day of general debate on the measure, under a rule which permits no amendments except those submitted by the Ways and Means Committee.

George said his committee probably would begin hearings on the new tax bill next Thursday, provided the House completes its action on the measure by the first of the week.

Asked for a specific description of the "omissions" for which Senate restoration would be sought, George said they involved "leakage and loopholes that might be closed."

Asked whether possible Senate restoration of some Treasury recommendations would bring the total new revenue up to the Treasury's recommendations for \$3,700,000,000, George said, "No, but it will go a long way."

One of the primary Treasury recommendations turned down by the House Ways and Means Committee was a proposal for mandatory joint income tax returns for married couples. Mr. Roosevelt also had suggested heavy taxes on incomes above \$25,000 a year.

Swedish Press Hits Barbarism of Nazis

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

STOCKHOLM, July 17.—Widespread revulsion among the Swedish people, and hatred against Nazi barbarism in the occupied countries is reflected in newspaper articles here during the past few days. The Swedish people have been especially outraged by the decision of the Nazi commanders in occupied France to murder entire families, if any member of the family engages in guerrilla activity.

"Many shameful documents have appeared during the present war but one may ask whether in its cold perfection, methodical, and absolutely unrestrained pursuit of terror tactics this doesn't surpass everything," an editorial in yesterday's issue of *Dagens Nyheter* said, commenting upon the German police decree against saboteurs in Occupied France.

"Any regime resorting to such monstrous means to sustain itself, simultaneously admits the ground is tottering beneath it," the editorial continued.

"Measures of extreme violence are the surest evidence that the day will come when today's law dictator will be incapable of protecting himself from the consequences he has evoked. Measures of this kind—never arrived at unthinkingly, but systematically planned—shake the foundations of our civilization and jeopardize its existence."

Stressing the "indescribable horrors" now suffered by the peoples of the German-occupied countries, the *Ostergotlanden* folkblad in an editorial on July 9 said, "Their fate is unprecedented, and any comparable example during the war of 1914-18 is lacking." Stating the treatment is due to the "sadism of the occupying power," the editorial went on to say:

"Long before the war there was fear in some of these countries that they would be Nazified. These fears have been confirmed in the most brutal fashion through the introduction of a compulsory internal political order which is hated by the majority of the population. Such is the situation in Norway,

Czechoslovakia, Holland and Poland."

The editorial concluded: "It is possible to load a people with chains, but it is impossible to rob it of its free soul. It is possible to gain a temporary external power, but it is impossible to win a people over against its will."

Quoting the above comments, the *Dagens Nyheter* today adds editorially: "These people will remain the unforgiving enemies of the usurpers for generations if necessary." This is our opinion, as it is the opinion of other Swedes. We would all react in the same way.

Today's issue of the *Social Demokraten* carries a front page article quoting Gunnar Sandberg, a Swedish authority on international law, as stating: "It is impossible to find any justification for the measure in international law. The German decree can only be founded on the ancient, and long-abandoned, practice of blood-revenge."

Mr. Sandberg is also quoted as saying that nowhere in history are there any equivalents of the treatment being accorded the population of occupied countries by the Germans, such as mass executions of hostages and civilians.

All-Out Hawaiian Maneuvers Beat Off Invasion

HONOLULU, July 17 (UP).—United States soldiers dug into beaches around Oahu, main Hawaiian island, and manned guns in mountain strongholds early this morning to repel a theoretical Japanese invasion in their first all-out maneuvers since the Pearl Harbor attack.

Gov't Winds Up Case Against 4 Nazi Spies

WASHINGTON, July 18 (UP).—Maj. Gen. Frank McCoy, president of the Military Commission trying eight Nazi saboteurs, announced today that the prosecution had completed its case against the four who were landed from a submarine near Amagansett, N. Y.

McCoy said in a statement that the reading of documents, begun Wednesday afternoon, had been completed and that one of the FBI counter-espionage agents had been recalled by the defense for additional cross-examination.

One of the documents was believed to be the confession of George John Dasch, leader of the quartet that landed on the Long Island shore. This group was surprised by Coast Guardsman John Cullen who gave the alarm leading to their capture, after they had unsuccessfully tried to bribe the youth to keep quiet about their landing.

Text of McCoy's statement:

"The morning session convened at 9 A. M. and adjourned at 12:30 P. M. The reading of the long documents begun on Wednesday afternoon was completed. One of the FBI witness was also recalled by the defense council for additional cross-examination.

The prosecution has now concluded its case against the four prisoners alleged to have landed on Long Island."

In addition to Dasch, Ernest Peter Burger, Henry Harm Heinick, and Richard Quirin landed on Long Island.

It was expected that the prosecution now would devote its case to the four who landed by submarine on the Jacksonville, Fla., coast,



In Hot Water: This dramatic Navy photo from the Midway battle shows Japanese planes caught in a curtain of fire from U. S. Fleet units.

—U. S. Navy Photo.

The Picture LaGuardia Presented

When Mayor LaGuardia conferred with War Manpower Commission Chairman Paul V. McNutt in Washington yesterday in an effort to get war contracts for New York City factories, he presented the following picture of specific industries:

Retail and Wholesale Trade

New York City is by far the largest distribution center in the country. Normally, 34,000 firms employ 878,000 people in these industries. When present inventories run out, we can expect a serious curtailment of employment.

Construction

There are normally 100,000 construction workers in New York City. We now have about 60,000 unemployed.

Shipping

The diversion of shipping from the port of New York has resulted in the unemployment of thousands of stevedores, truck drivers, etc. It has been estimated that directly and indirectly, shipping gives employment to 100,000 people in the port of New York.

Ship Repair Work

Thousands have lost their jobs as a result of the decline in ship repair work in the city repair yards. Since our last meeting we have learned of one plan to build small craft in our repair yards. This is a step, but only a step, in the right direction.

Apparel Industry

Normally, 11,000 firms employ 302,000 people in the apparel industries in New York City. Thirty-five thousand were unemployed in this industry on May 1st and additional unemployment will undoubtedly result from shortages of material, etc.

Printing and Publishing

Normally 2,700 firms employ 98,500 people in these

fields. The curtailment of advertising and the conservation of paper are already having a serious effect on employment.

Sheet Metal and Ornamental Iron Workers

Deprived of steel and iron, it looks like most of the firms in these industries will have to go out of business. Most of them are small plants, but one, the United Metal Box Co., normally employs 400 people.

Furniture and Lumber Products Manufacturers

One thousand one hundred thirty-one plants normally employ 28,400 people in these industries. They have practically no war contracts and their civilian production is being cut seriously.

Light Fixtures Manufacturers

One hundred seventy-five firms normally employ 5,240 people in this field. Deprived of copper, most of them are doomed unless they can get war business. A survey of 44 plants in the period Jan. 1 to May 1 that employed 2,500 people, shows that on July 1 they employed only 600.

Electroplating

One hundred and four firms in this industry normally employ 2,100 people. A report on 58 firms, members of the Masters Electroplating Association, shows operations down from 80 per cent of capacity to 60 per cent and still falling. A pool of seven of the largest firms has been unable to obtain war work.

70 Planes in 3 Days--Airacobras at the Don

By Lieut. Col. Nikolai Denisov

Soviet Air Officer

(Written for United Press)

WITH THE SOVIET AIR FORCE ON THE SOUTH-WESTERN FRONT, July 17 (UP).—Powerful and fast American-built Airacobras, flown by Soviet pilots, have shot down 70 German planes in two three-day periods on this front with a loss of only three of their own number and a few others damaged.

200 Seamen Urge Freedom Of Puerto Rico

Two hundred seamen waiting to ship out at the National Maritime Union headquarters, 346 W. 17th St., yesterday petitioned President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull for the freedom of Puerto Rico.

"We cannot win this war," the petitioned declared, "nor rally the peoples to the United Nations banner, as long as we ourselves hold nations in subjection. Malay, India, China, India and Ireland prove what dire results the maintenance of colonial domination today brings to our anti-fascist cause."

The seamen therefore called on the United States government "to fulfill the Wallace-Welles pledges that this is the era of the common man," the end of the age of imperialism."

Two specific demands were embodied in the petition, as follows: "(I) That the persecution and mistreatment of Puerto Rican patriots and citizens be stopped at once; and that wages and working conditions for American and Puerto Rican nationals engaged in war work on the island be equalized."

"(II) That Puerto Rico be immediately recognized as a sovereign nation with the right NOW to elect its own government and freely determine its own destiny."

These stunning successes against the latest and best German Messerschmitt and Junkers models are due to the Airacobras' high maneuverability as well as to skillful and tactical use of their enormous firing power by Soviet fliers.

The American-made planes have been incorporated into the Red Army Air Force along with the proven native fighters, the Yak and Lagg, after Russian pilots received brief instruction in their use at an air field deep in the interior of Russia.

At first, the Russian pilots found difficulty in mastering peculiarities of Airacobras' in taking off and landing because of the planes' three-wheeled landing gear.

They were sent to the Voronezh front where the German air force was hurling huge masses of bombers, in squadrons of 60 to 80 and accompanied by fighters, to cover land operations against the city.

The tactic of the Airacobras unit was to beat the enemy with a powerful interception thrust. While one group, engaged the escorting German fighters, another group attacked the Heinkel and Junkers bombers. After breaking up the bomber formation, the Airacobras paired off to attack the bombers by turns. Under their powerful fire, several German bombers caught fire and crashed, others fled and only a few broke through to Voronezh where they bombed the city haphazardly.

3-State Net Laid for 7 'Chutists'

RHINEBECK, N. Y., July 17 (UP).—Army, state and local authorities guarded roadways and hunted slowly through the wooded lands of Dutchess County near the Hyde Park home of President Roosevelt today in an area where an estate caretaker reported he saw six or seven parachutes floating to earth.

In a 20 to 30-square-mile section covered by the searchers, all travelers were stopped and required to produce proper identification. The police of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania were put on the alert.

Although the Army was cooperating in the search, a spokesman said shortly after official announcement of the parachute report at New York last night that "so far as the Army knows there has been no opportunity for parachutists to land."

The first announcement, made by the public relations officer of the Eastern Defense Command at New York, acknowledged that the report of a parachute landing had been received and said that a military investigation was proceeding at the scene and that there was no confirmation of the report, made originally to state police.

Bklyn. Street To Honor Its Servicemen

The boys who used to live on 43rd St. between 9th and 10th Aves. in Brooklyn before they became Uncle Sam's fighters, will be honored at a flag raising service Sunday July 28 at 3 P. M.

Ceremonies will be preceded by a parade led by the American Patrol, Veterans of Past Wars, air raid wardens, mothers and fathers of the service men and other patriotic organizations.

In conjunction with the flag raising, a holy Torah (scroll) which was rescued from Nazi destruction in Czechoslovakia last year, will be presented to Rabbi De Sola Pool and Chaplain Joshua Goldberg, rabbi for Jewish boys in the camps.

The flag is being raised by the Committee for a Service Flag.

To Speak At Fiesta



REP. VITO MARCANTONIO

Fiesta Tomorrow to Hear Allied Consuls

United Nations representatives from many New York Consulates, including China, the Soviet Union and Mexico, will participate in the Victory Fiesta tomorrow at Dexter Park, Jamaica, L. I., which will salute the Spanish people on the sixth anniversary of their epic struggle against Hitlerism.

An Editorial

Six years ago Hitler launched his drive for world conquest by his attack upon Spain.

Today thousands of Spanish and other anti-fascist fighters in Vichy concentration camps are eagerly awaiting, together with the French people, the start of a land invasion in which they can take their places.

Hundreds already rescued by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee are now serving on the far-flung fighting fronts of the world: with the daring British Commandos; in the armed forces of Mexico; with the heroic guerrilla army of Gen. Mikhalovich, and in the underground liberation movements of the Hitler-occupied countries.

On Sunday, July 19, at Dexter Park, Jamaica, L. I., the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee will mark the sixth anniversary of Spain's struggle for freedom with a Victory Fiesta, which will be highlighted by an urgent demand for the opening of a Second Front now for Victory in 1942. New Yorkers, who overwhelmingly supported the cause of Republican Spain, should make it their business to throng to Dexter Park and salute a dauntless people still waging armed warfare against Hitler's agent—France—and preventing Spain from openly entering the war on the side of the Axis.

We urge our readers to set aside Sunday, July 19, and participate in this great demonstration for a Second Front on the sixth anniversary of the glorious struggle of Republican Spain.

CIO Local Head Named On War Film Committee

Jones Rosenfield, Jr., president of the Screen Publicists Guild of New York, Local 114, United Office and Professional Workers of America (CIO), has become an ex-officio member of the War Activities Committee-Motion Picture Industry.

Gov. Langlie Hails Labor's Role in War

WENATCHEE, Wash., July 17.—Washington State's Governor Arthur B. Langlie called for unity and cooperation of all the people to win the war in a ringing address to the Washington State Federation of Labor convention here.

"Nothing must interfere with a unified program of the state to give to the nation a unified constructive effort. All farmers, labor, political and social parts of our life must give unified constructive support to the nation and put aside our prejudices and petty bickering," Langlie said.

"This doesn't mean we can't offer constructive criticism. But we must think first of our country."

WELCOMES LABOR'S AID

Extending the hand of fellowship to labor, Governor Langlie said: "We solicit your cooperation. The federal, state and local governments; labor, industry and average citizens must work together."

"Only as we pull together will we meet the challenge and wipe out the enemy bent on destroying the real values in life."

In a forceful tribute to the sacrifice of labor in winning a better life for the common man, Langlie said:

"Men have given sweat, blood and their very lives for these ideals. Laboring men have struggled. Men have fought to keep unions strong and maintain collective bargaining. Men have shed their blood and died and sacrificed for the sake of the state of power and prominence."

"At this very hour our seamen are going down in ships in a sea

The New South Talks Up at NAACP Convention: Delegates Ask 2nd Front

By John Pittman

LOS ANGELES, July 17.—Headlines blared reports of the war crisis as delegates representing Negro-America mounted the steps of the Second Baptist Church here and registered for the 33rd annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Hitler Gains in Drive to Caucasus," screamed the headlines. A group of four delegates on the church steps were evidently discussing it.

"We've simply got to open it or nothing else we do here will make any difference," said one.

There was mutual assent. They all agreed we've got to open it. "Maybe the convention will go on record to press for it," said another.

"If we'd started the second front early this year," said the one who had spoken first, "we wouldn't be in this mess today."

That is your introduction to the New Orleans delegation to the NAACP convention. Representative of those "eight million of our people" who remain in the South—and as the conference call it—are "victims to all its ancient restrictions," these four delegates knew, along with great China, the peoples of Australia and Africa, and Latin America, and a majority of the peoples of Britain and the United States, that we've simply got to open the second front or nothing

else we do here will make much difference.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Who were these spokesmen of the clear-sighted Negro masses who live so close to reality that they have the wisdom some statesmen so blatantly lack?

Not a one is more than thirty-three years old. Only two are married. Three are trade unionists. One is a newspaperman. But all typify the new leadership of the Negro people, the new leadership that is being forged in the arena of bitterest struggle amidst the rapidly changing conditions of the old South.

Meet Ovide Maurice! He's the eldest—33 and married. Yet, he organized the 65 members of Local 1185 of the Postal Carriers and Clerks, an organization of the CIO. He drove the delegation across Texas and the deserts of Arizona and California to get here.

"This is the most important convention in the Association's history," said Maurice. "We can't let Hitler win, and we can't let anybody stop us from doing everything we can to stop that Hitler

doesn't win."

Meet Samuel Hoskins! Twenty-eight years old, single and already the city editor of the Louisiana Weekly, a New Orleans paper with a long record of pioneering in defense of democracy as it should be.

FIGHTER FOR UNITY

More than that, Hoskins is a national board member of the National Youth Council.

"Unity is anathema to the reactionary forces of the old South," he said. "They dread it as they would the plague. They do everything to step its growth, and when it has developed, to destroy it. Because they know it means a new South."

There was Ernest J. Wright, 30 and married.

Wright is a member of the New Orleans Council of the CIO and national vice-president of the Southern Youth Congress. He has organized sharecroppers and workers and youth.

Meet finally dynamic Raymond Tillman—28 and single, the executive secretary of the New Orleans branch of the NAACP, the execu-

tive secretary of the CIO Transport Workers' Union of New Orleans, probably the youngest trade union official in his city.

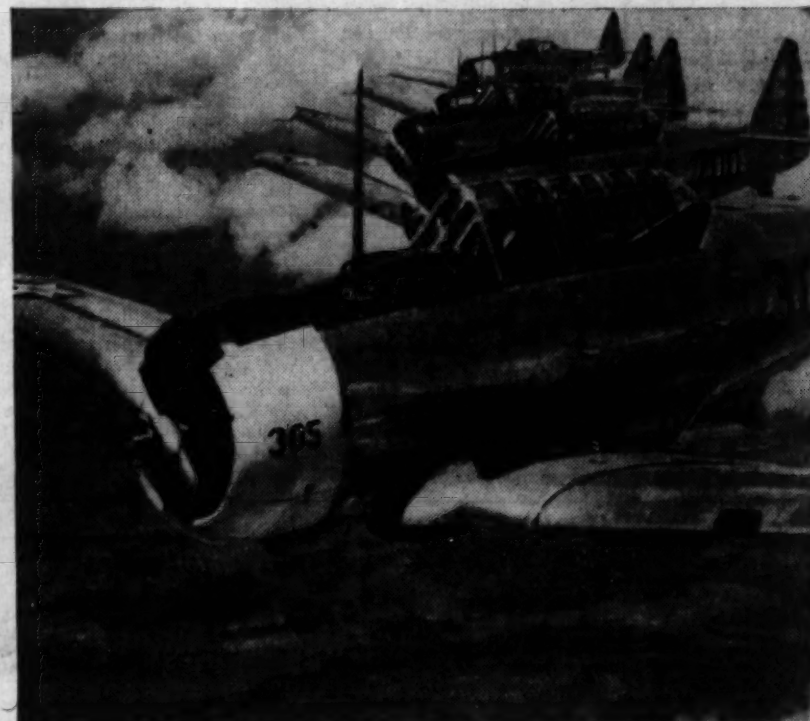
The 1,000 members of Tillman's union carry on 90 per cent of the transport work—trucking, draying, et cetera—in the big Gulf ports. Eight hundred of them are Negroes.

NEGRO UNIONISTS GROW

"About a third of the 30,000 CIO members in New Orleans are Negroes," said Tillman, "while some 40,000 more Negroes are organized in AFL and independent unions." He said that although the tradition in the AFL unions has been to separate Negroes from Whites, there is the possibility of breaking down this tradition. Already, Whites and Negroes in the bricklayers' local meet together.

The organization of Negro women is rapidly progressing, he said. There are 2,000 women in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, only 300 of whom are white.

"The people are in motion," said Tillman, and he with the other Negro delegates are proof of it.



High in the Clouds: Fledgling flyers of the United States Army Air Forces soar in echelon formation through the clouds above Foster Field, Texas. They are using advanced training planes now, but soon they will be at the controls of heavy bombers and fast pursuit planes fighting the Axis.

Today's Civilian Defense Needs

CDVO calls for 1,960 health assistants.

NEW YORK WOMEN!

Our boys and girls are enrolling for vocational schools to train for war industries. Their health must be protected.

The Health Department needs volunteer assistants to work with them on disease prevention, health education and follow-up cases, as well as in chest clinics and child health stations.

IF YOU are between 20 and 45 You have more than a high school education YOU get along well with children and adults

Stand behind our boys and girls.

Give them nine hours a week of your time, daytime only.

Enroll now at your local Civilian Defense Volunteer Office or your Borough CDVO branch office:

Manhattan: 93 Park Avenue. Brooklyn: 131 Livingston St. Bronx: 851 Grand Concourse. Queens: 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Elmhurst. Richmond: Borough Hall, St. George.

Pacific Coast Plants Warned Of Air Attacks

LOS ANGELES, July 17 (UP).—Lieut. Col. E. K. Merritt, in charge of plant protection for the Army Air Forces, warned Pacific Coast industries today to prepare for air raids.

As a two-day conference on protection of industrial plants opened here, Merritt said that "this war is no means won" and that the Pacific Coast still is subject to bombing and gas attacks, with aircraft factories and oil refineries as principal targets.

"This coast is quite likely to get an attack from the air," he said

Congressmen in State Canvassed By Union on War

Members of Local 16 of the United Office and Professional Workers are conducting a canvass of all New York State Congressmen to determine which have supported the President's war program and have called for the opening of a second front.

Only those who are working for the best interests of the American people will be supported in the coming elections, the union declared.

Peter K. Hawley, president of Local 16 and spokesman for 6,000 white collar workers, said in the canvass, that the "people of this country look to their congressmen to speedily bring about the opening of a second front."

The canvass is part of the UOPWA's program to speed Hitler's defeat in 1942 and elect a congress which will support the President's victory program to the hilt.

Marcantonio Urges Negro To School Post

Congressman Vito Marcantonio of the American Labor Party yesterday urged the appointment of a "qualified Negro educator" for the post of principal at the New York Vocational High School, 138th St. and Fifth Ave.

"The vacancy that exists," the Congressman wrote in a letter to Superintendent of Schools John E. Wade, "at the Vocational High School presents a splendid opportunity for the Board of Superintendents to demonstrate its desire to see that Negro teachers and educators are considered for positions of leadership for which they qualify."

Marcantonio pointed out that the appointment of a Negro principal would help to make the high school "a center for the community, a rallying point for community action and war service."

Joint Committee Aims To Boost Brass Output

WATERBURY, Conn., July 17.—War production at the large Chase Metal Works plant in this city will be geared up to a new tempo that will bring no joy to Hitler and his pals. That's the unanimous opinion of members of the Labor-Management War Production Drive Committee, which will hold its first working session tomorrow at the plant of the Chase Company.

Composed of seven representatives of management and an equal number from labor, represented by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Local 565, the war production committee has already held preliminary meetings to prepare for the job ahead. Two thousand five hundred workers were employed at the Metal Works.

An outstanding contribution to the cause of democracy was made by the union section of the committee even before the committee began to act. That contribution was the selection by the union of Elsie Watta, a leading Negro worker in the plant, as the labor co-chairman of the production body. An indication of the union's determination to throw its unstinted support behind

the entire production program was given when officers of the union reported yesterday that workers in all parts of the plant have already pledged their cooperation with the labor-management group.

Don Harris, International Representative leading the Chase organizational campaign, asserted that the union would spare no effort to push production levels to new all-time levels. "No effort is too great in this all-out battle to destroy Hitler and the enemies of democracy," Harris told the joint committee.

Confidence that the labor-management committee will aid in increasing the war output of the Metal Works was also expressed by Rodney Chase, public and industrial relations director of the Chase Brass and Copper Company, which operates the plant.

They're Saying in Washington

Jesse Jones and the Soviet Rubber Offer

by Adam Lapin

—Daily Worker Washington Bureau
—Washington, D. C., July 17

FOR at least twelve years now, Soviet scientists have been making synthetic rubber out of alcohol which in turn is obtained from grain and other agricultural products. Several experts have told the Senate Agriculture Committee that it is good rubber and that it is produced in large quantities. One estimate was that the Russians get 90 per cent of the rubber they need for the Red Army from their alcohol process.

Now it is no secret that the United States has been having plenty of trouble making synthetic rubber from the Standard Oil petroleum process approved by Jesse Jones—who is the real boss of the rubber program. And it is also no secret that this country has available huge surpluses of wheat and corn from which synthetic rubber could be made.

So the Soviet government made an important gesture of friendship to its American ally several weeks ago. It offered to assist in every way possible the production of synthetic rubber from alcohol in this country.

And what happened? Yes, you guessed it. Jesse Jones and the assorted dollar-a-year men who run the synthetic rubber program turned thumbs down.

The first story which gave some of the facts on this situation appeared about a month ago in the New York Journal of Commerce. This story said that an anonymous War Production Board official favored application of the Soviet method, but that Jesse Jones had rejected the process.

I tried to check this story with Arthur Newhall, WPA rubber coordinator. Extracting information from Newhall's office was very difficult indeed. Finally one of the officials there told he had discussed the matter with Newhall who told him that the knew nothing at all about it. Only later did I discover that Newhall was one of the men who had succeeded in blocking the Soviet offer.

AS ACCURATELY as I have been able to discover, here is the story of what actually happened:

Through lend-lease channels, the Soviet government offered to make its synthetic rubber process available to the United States together with the services of skilled experts who could assist officials and companies here in making it operate.

William L. Bait, now vice-chairman of WPA under Donald Nelson, is the official who was heartily in favor of accepting the Soviet offer, and tried to do something about it.

But the final word rested with Jesse Jones. And Jones based his veto on the say-so of Newhall, a R-E Goodrich man who has shown little interest in developing new methods of making synthetic rubber, and of Dr. E. C. Weidman.

Weidman is connected with the Mellon interests and has been Jones' chief hatchet man in killing new alcohol and petroleum methods for making synthetic rubber.

Polish Aid Also Rejected

THE Polish Government-in-Exile also tried to cooperate with the United States government in making synthetic rubber—and met with a similar response.

In the early spring of 1941, a Polish official approached William S. B. Lacey of the Office of Price Information and offered him data on the Polish process of making synthetic rubber from agricultural products.

The information available here was not enough, and Lacey was instructed by Leon Henderson to get hold of Wladislaw Suklewicz, the inventor of this new process which had been used widely in Poland.

Suklewicz was then in Italy. He had escaped to France after the fall of Poland, and the French government sent him to Italy in a fantastic effort to appease Mussolini. The Italians got hold of the process, and through them the Germans. But as Lacey explains, it was a lucky break for us that they did not have the agricultural products with which to use the Polish process.

Somehow the Polish Government-in-Exile got Suklewicz out of Italy. He flew to Rio de Janeiro and there Lacey met the Polish scientist and brought him to the United States.

But Jones and Dr. Weidman turned down this Polish process which has just received a complete okay from an expert who made a study for the Army and Navy Munitions Board.

'I Don't Like Synthetic Rubber'

JESSE JONES has coined some maxims on the synthetic rubber situation which deserve to be better known. He used to tell newspapers and officials: "I don't like synthetic rubber."

But perhaps most characteristic of all was his remark to a Senate Committee the other day that it would be a mistake "if we jumped from one process to another."

Don't try anything new, and stick to the same process even if it doesn't work—these are the policies which guide Jesse Jones. These are also the policies which may lose this war—unless they are abandoned ruthlessly and speedily.

To the American Friends of Republican Spain

Six years ago in July, 1936, Republican Spain began the fight against the evil forces of fascism which is being waged today by the United Nations. 'We who fought as American Volunteers alongside the Spanish people say: REMEMBER SPAIN!

Remember not only in tribute to a valiant people still fighting the fascist invaders for the independence of their native land. But because the lessons of Spain can help us win the war in 1942.

Six years ago there were no United Nations. Republican Spain fought almost alone. But she succeeded in holding back Hitler's mechanized might for nearly three years. Her heroic struggle gave the democracies time to arm themselves against the fascist onslaught. Unity against Hitler then could have prevented the present war. Today the United Nations must be united in action as well as by treaty.

The fighting peoples of Spain, of France and of all the Hitler-occupied countries will rise up and deliver powerful blows against the enemy in support of a Second Front by the United Nations.

FOR VICTORY IN 1942

Strike Hitler from the West now while the Red Army strikes on the East!

Oust Franco, Vichy and Finnish spy nests from the United States! Break relations with these Hitler allies immediately!

All out to Dexter Park, Jamaica, L. I., SUNDAY, JULY 19. Salute the heroic Spanish People still fighting fascism!

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Six Years After



Break With Helsinki, Vichy, Madrid-To Speed West Front

TODAY marks the sixth anniversary of the Spanish War. We have learned much since then, enough to make the continuation of our old policy towards Madrid, Vichy and Helsinki, even in its present diluted form, absolutely inexcusable.

This is becoming more fully realized by our statesmen, as indicated by the events of the past week. The action of our State Department in closing its one consular office at Helsinki and ordering the Finnish government to close its 17 offices on United States territory by August 1 will be widely welcomed. It is true that this action is based merely on violation of technical treaty obligations, but it does constitute a step in the direction of completely breaking with the Ryti-Mannerheim puppets of the Axis.

How can we further delay declaring war against Helsinki is hard to see. There can hardly be room for further self-deception along the lines that Finland is fighting an "independent war." Mannerheim has himself again destroyed that deception by writing in an official Axis publication that he is fighting for a "Greater Finland" to be guaranteed by a victorious Hitler. Premier Ryti has just conferred an official state decoration upon Emperor Hirohito. Our ships are being bombed from Finnish soil. The present Finnish Government is already at war with us.

Nor is Vichy less insolent. In keeping with our wishy-washy policy, instead of taking direct and necessary action, our Government requested Laval to permit the removal of the French warships now at Alexandria to the Western Hemisphere. Not only did we

receive a flat refusal, as was to be expected, but Laval in typical Hitlerite insolence warned President Roosevelt that he would be held "responsible for the extreme gravity" of what might happen.

Our policy to Madrid runs even more sharply against our general war policy. As Churchill has pointed out, the whole Mediterranean is in danger not only from Rommel's drive in North Africa but also from the direction of Spain. Gibraltar is in danger. Through his Falange, Franco is constantly at war with us right here in the Western Hemisphere.

The beginnings we have already made in stiffening our policy towards Helsinki and Vichy are a necessary part of our preparations for launching the Western Front. Just as we must speed up our military preparations for the immediate invasion of Europe, we must also speed up our political preparations. Among the most important of these, is the need to declare war upon Helsinki and completely break our relations with Vichy and Madrid while recognizing the free governments-in-exile of the Spanish Republic and the Fighting French. This is a necessary part of fulfilling our agreement to open the Second Front. It is necessary in order to assure the best possible conditions for the fullest cooperation of the peoples of Hitler-dominated Europe, who have already shown by action their spirit of revolt. It is necessary to help strengthen the military and political role of our own country in winning victory.

A Correct Principle

* In saying that wages have to be adjusted upwards to prevent any drastic decline in real wages beyond the January 1941 level, the War Labor Board is reaffirming a correct principle. This principle was enunciated by President Roosevelt in his April 27 message to Congress in which wage stabilization as opposed to "wage freezing" was made a keystone in the 7-point anti-inflation plan.

Whatever the inadequacies of the specific application of this principle in the wage award to the steel workers, the fact remains that American labor because it places victory over the Axis above everything else, has laid aside for the duration of the war any actions that may interrupt war production, and must therefore have periodic adjustments of wage levels for the sake of maintaining productive efficiency.

Corollary to this, as stated in President Roosevelt's 7-point plan, the Government, labor and all patriotic employers must unite to insist that Congress effectively curb price rises, tax large incomes, and increase government revenue by closing loopholes in the present tax laws.

The anger of those—as of the New York Times for example—who see "inflation" in wage adjustments is really an expression of disappointment at not being able to "freeze" wages while prices tend upwards as a result of higher profits.

The argument of the New York Times is fundamentally an argument for the country to maintain rising profits (and rising prices) on the one hand, and declining working

standards on the other. But such a proposal does not help win the war; it does the opposite. American labor judges all things by the single test of winning the war, by the standard of war efficiency. Wage adjustments in terms of diet, health, housing, are indispensable for war efficiency and production.

It is utterly illogical for the "wage freezers" to demand uncurbed prices and untaxed profits in the name of fighting "inflation." It is American labor and its responsible approach to wage questions which is the bulwark against inflation in the United States. This is because American labor supports the 7-point economic plan which Congress and the press has ignored, warped, and sabotaged, but which needs enactment more than ever.

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A Disgraceful Incident
Why Doesn't Biddle Act?

—An Editorial—

IT IS a national disgrace that, at a time when our country is patriotically fighting Hitlerism, the world-famous Negro artist, Roland Hayes and his wife, should be subjected to a Hitlerite assault in the land of their birth.

Mrs. Hayes was compelled to suffer Jim-crow indignities in a public store in Rome, Georgia. Instead of the police prosecuting the offenders and insuring Mrs. Hayes in her Constitutional rights as an American citizen, they slugged and arrested Mr. Hayes for protesting the outrage.

When Mr. and Mrs. Hayes associated the treatment they received by the police officials with Hitlerite "racism," they were 100 per cent correct. Such injustice, particularly in the poll tax areas, are of long standing against the Negro people and they adversely affect the win-the-war morale of colored peoples all over the world. These injustices must be wiped out now, as a mortal danger to national unity in our common effort to win the war.

If such a crime can take place against such an outstanding Negro American, one who has brought great honor not only to his people but to his country, one can imagine with the deepest horror and indignation what happens to the average Negro citizen in the poll tax areas. Lynch-minded officials, imbued with the "white supremacy" poison of Gov. Talmadge, could not get away with their arrogant oppression of poor Negro and white Southerners if the Pepper anti-



ROLAND HAYES

poll tax bill was protested out of the death-grasp of the House Judiciary Committee and enacted into law.

The outrage against Roland Hayes focuses attention on the three recent lynch-murders of Negroes—the Odell Waller case, the killing of Private Jessie Smith in Flagstaff, Arizona, and the barbarous slaughter of Willie Vinson in Texas. All of these dramatic expressions of the Jim-crow system have aroused the country, and as never before white Americans are urging full citizenship of the Negro people in industry and elsewhere as a necessity for winning the war.

Yet Attorney General Biddle—who can persecute the staunch anti-fascist labor leader Harry Bridges and libel the Communists—seems paralyzed when it comes to vigorously upholding the rights of the Negro people. Some time ago, Biddle made a gesture toward apprehending the lynchers of Cleo Wright at Sikeston, Missouri. What has become of it? What has been done about the lynchers of Willie Vinson, and about the responsibility of the white-washing sheriff in Texarkana, Texas? Why does the Department of Justice fail to see that Negro Americans have their rights under the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments? What about prosecution of the lynch-minded officials who flagrantly violated the citizenship rights of Roland Hayes?

Biddle's failure to go after the Coughlins, the anti-Semitic gangs and the Ku Klux persecutors of the Negro people is a definite hindrance to the war effort and to the anti-Jim Crow policies laid down by President Roosevelt through the Fair Employment Practice Committee.

Greeting the excellent slogan of the Los Angeles NAACP conference—"Victory is vital to minorities"—Pres. Roosevelt said: "Minorities are vital to victory" and stated to the Negro gathering: "your government will accept its responsibility to you." It is in this spirit that labor and all other patriotic Americans will insist that the Department of Justice sternly deal with the Fifth Column enemies of the Negro people and of our united war effort.

The POLITICAL SCENE

'Farm Bloc' History

by Milton Howard

WHAT is the "farm bloc"?

It is putting a gun to the head of the United States and insisting that the Government shall not be permitted to sell to American farmers low-priced feed, and shall not be permitted to let the country use cheap - priced wheat for the manufacture of artificial rubber.

This is the anomaly. The "farm bloc" is one of the worst enemies the American farmer has ever had. If the Administration wants to lend money to the dirt farmer to help him pay his mortgage debts, the "farm bloc" summarily forbids it.

THE "farm bloc" does not consist of farmers. It consists of agrarian capitalists, wealthy businessmen trading in farm produce, with financial links to powerful banking, merchant and insurance interests.

Politically, the "farm bloc" is the expression of the poll-tax reactionary power of the Southern bourgeois.

Socially, the "farm bloc" rests upon that hideous remnant of an unfinished historic job—the theory of "white supremacy." Behind the arrogance of the "farm bloc" is a swamp of social backwardness, relics of feudal economic relations in tenant and sharecropper slavery.

People ask in wonder, how the "farm bloc" can dare to flout the entire Congress, defy the war needs of the Government, and brutally trample on such obviously necessary measures as farm relief.

It is because the Southern "farm bloc" does not have to fear the reprisal of the elections. There are only the shadow of elections in the Southern "farm bloc" states. Poll taxes effectively curtail the right to vote for the overwhelming majority of the population.

IN A RECENT speech, Earl Browder remarked: "We consider the 'white supremacy' slogan of the Southern bourgeois one of the greatest dangers to the United States in this war tending to drive from us our allies and potential allies."

But even in a more immediate sense does Browder's diagnosis carry its proper warning. For if it were not for social degradation of "white supremacy," it would be very difficult for the Southern bourgeois of the "farm bloc" to engage in legislative insurrections against the United States in the midst of its war peril.

"White supremacy" is responsible for the fact that a large number of poverty-stricken whites in the South do not possess any legislative rights. "White supremacy,"

the real social basis of the Southern "farm bloc," is responsible for the fact that President Roosevelt cannot get permission to release surplus wheat for the use of the armed forces, nor for the manufacture of artificial rubber except at extortionate prices. "White supremacy," in short, is directly responsible for criminal obstruction of the actual mechanics of the country's war effort.

THERE is always historic retribution for the incompleteness of a bourgeois democratic revolution. The cowardly failure to carry democracy to the South after the Civil War is now being paid for; the unreconstructed Bourbons are a menace to the national unity, to the war machinery, and to our international relations with our allies of the colonial peoples without whose aid we cannot win.

Our present peoples war must solve the problem of democracy in the South, must abolish the "white supremacy," rottenness in the interest of self-preservation. We must continue today what Lincoln was not permitted to finish. And we must do it for the same reason he did—for the advance of our national independence.

(This column appears every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.)

Worth Repeating

Time for the Allied Offensive

From the Watertown (Conn.) Daily Times

Great Britain and the United States are in a position to strike. A great army has been gathered in England with adequate air strength. Perhaps that army would be stronger later on but our judgment is that we cannot afford to wait longer.

We must never forget that this is Hitler's supreme effort and if he fails this year, he is through. Surely no chance is too great to take to make certain that he does fail.

BREAK WITH VICHY

From the Chicago Sun

We should declare the rupture of American relations with the puppet government of Vichy. We have said before, and we repeat: Those relations mock our democratic principles. They confuse all Frenchmen who look to us for a democratic lead.

We should declare to the people of France that the United States will fight for the success of the coming French revolution, for which the patriots of France are preparing.

DO OUR SHARE

From the Santa Monica, Calif., Outlook

Thus far, the United States has not taken any large place in actually fighting this war. Delay in doing so now will prolong the conflict by many months. It is high time we got into it on a scale commensurate with our war production, our resources and our man power.

OVERALL STRATEGY

From the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser

An invasion of Europe, a direct attack upon Germany, poses tough military problems. Yet they are relatively simple compared with those presented when you start figuring on a direct attack upon Japan proper. The much-discussed Second Front in Western Europe would involve crossing only from 20 up to at most a few hundred miles of water, depending upon the point selected, with the assault supported by land-based aircraft from the British Isles and by an overwhelming concentration of sea power. Reaching Japan means forcing a passage through a vast expanse of sea, studded with island air bases, submarine bases, potential death traps for the attacking force of necessity operating far from home.

While public sentiment may err in estimating the relative strength and endurance of Germany and Japan, it would appear to be correct in sensing that Germany is the foe who should receive first major offensive attention. If Japan was weak and exposed, where she could be knocked out as a preliminary to concentrating on Hitler, it would be different. The situation, unfortunately, presents no such attractive aspect. And, while Japan may and probably will outlast Germany, taking a global view of the situation, the Allies today are in more danger of defeat from Germany than from Japan.

Thus the overall strategy may well mean that Germany should be eliminated first, because she is in a position to inflict more vital injury upon us and also because despite her greater strength she is actually more vulnerable than her Pacific partner.

2nd FRONT HELD IMPERATIVE

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal and

Reprinted in the Shreveport, La., Journal

If reverses in Egypt cause England and the United States to postpone the opening of a second front in Europe to relieve the pressure on Soviet Russia no one will be better pleased than Adolf Hitler. Such a development would be equivalent to a major Nazi victory. It would be another success for Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. It would add to Hitler's chances of gaining control of the Caucasus either by way of Kharkov or the Suez Canal. It was probably with the hope of diverting Allied attention from the main theatre of war—the war in Europe—that the Libyan campaign was originally launched.

The only way to defeat Hitler is to strike him where he is weakest—the occupied countries and the home front. This the RAF is doing in its mass raids. But aerial bombings alone may not accomplish the purpose. They failed in China, in Spain and in the British Isles. To divide the enemy's forces would allow the Red Army to hammer his weakened lines, perhaps drive them back across the Polish border and the favorite Nazi technique would then be applied against the German war machine. That would be Hitler's method. Divide and conquer has been his watchword. And he would not be deterred by the risk involved.

HOW MUCH LONGER?

From the Boston Globe

Why does the government of the United States continue to lend countenance to this travesty on its ideals and its purpose by maintaining diplomatic recognition of the regime of Pierre Laval? How much longer shall we persist in pursuit of the will of the wisps of an appeasement which cannot appease? Did we learn nothing from experience of a similar attempt with another group akin to his—an experience which came to climax at Pearl Harbor?

SIDESWIPEs

by del

Letters From Our Readers

Too Quiet on the Western Front!

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

American troops are idle in Ireland and England... while all is quiet on the Western Front. Here greatest damage could be done which would mean the complete defeat of Hitler and his satellites now! What are we waiting for?

H. C. S.

Trade Union Clubs for Kids

Phoenix, Arizona.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Recently I heard a radio program of the "4H" Club of New York State, and it was wonderful. I think the unions should start Young Unionists Clubs for the children of union members where they could learn the importance of trade unions while participating in sports and other activities.

There might be clubs of this kind already started, but I have never heard about them.

Enclosed is \$1 for the good of the paper and the Second Front.

N. T.

Have You Done Your Bit?

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Nazi beast, encouraged, drugged and fortified by the thought that the Fifth Columnists, the reactionaries, the Tories and all the enemies of democracy exercise enough authority in the United States and Great Britain to prevent the opening of the Second

Front on the European Continent now or in the immediate future, have surged violently and relentlessly forward on the Eastern Front, heedless of the price in mountains of dead men. At this moment, it is the vital duty of every decent person, every true believer in democracy, every friend of freedom to devote every moment of their time, every ounce of their energy, every means at their disposal, notwithstanding any incidental personal sacrifice, to immediately take concrete steps to effectuate the realization of a Second Front in Europe now.

To give you an idea of what I mean, I have just returned from a vacation in Allaben Acres, a small camp near Kingston, N. Y. During one week's stay there, I drew up a petition to President Roosevelt expressing confidence in his leadership and urging the immediate opening of the Second Front. In addition to this petition, which was signed by hundreds of guests at this camp, I had several hundred post cards along the same line written to our President.

Although this activity in itself is trivial, I feel certain that if all of us would do their utmost and utilize every situation and every opportunity to inform our Commander-in-Chief of our desires, we would be making substantial progress along the road of knocking Hitler, the Japanese rattle-snake, Hirohito, and the Italian skunk, Mussolini, out of the war.

BEN L. BERMAN,

Business Manager, Window Trimmers' and Display-men's Union.



Three Guesses!

Twisting the Dial



Xavier Cugat's American rhythms are heard on WABC Fridays at 10 P. M. Mary Small is on twice weekly over the same station, offering songs and stories for and about the men in uniform.



If you listen in on Vic and Sade weekday mornings at 11:15 over WEAF, you've probably heard Vic Gook (Art Van Harvey) trying to balance the family budget. He's one of the reasons the serial has won many radio awards.



Edna Mae Oliver is battling for the Jack Benny show on WEAF Sundays at 7 P. M. She stars in the "Private Life of Josephine Tuttle." Young Nelson Olmstead is radio's "man of 1,000 voices." He plays all the parts in his NBC program, "The World's Greatest Stories."



Songstress Jane Froman is the star of WABC's "Star Theatre Summer Show," heard Sunday nights during the second half of the 9 to 10 hour vacated by Fred Allen.

Films at Neighborhood Theatres This Week

MANHATTAN
Irving Place Theatre—Sat.-Thurs., Soviet-Japanese Border, Claudine. Fri. Red Tails, Youth in Revolt.
RKO Jefferson—Sat.-Sun., Ten Gentlemen from West Point, Falcon Takes Over. Mon.-Tues., Honolulu, Mad Monster. Wed.-Thurs., I Was Framed, Strange Case of Dr. Rex. Fri.-Sun., Broadway, My Favorite Spy.
Academy of Music—Sat.-Tues., Juke Girl. In Old California. Wed.-Thurs., Private Buckaroo, Lady Gangster. Fri.-Sun., The Magnificent Dope, The Spies.
Art Theatre—Sat. Jamaica Inn. Sun.-Wed. Saboteur. Thurs.-Fri., Butch Minds the Baby.
8th St. Playhouse—Sat. Tortilla Flat. Sun.-Tues., Falcon Takes Over. Fri.-Sun., Broadway.
Lane Theatre—Sat.-Wed. Tortilla Flat. Thurs.-Mon., In This Our Life.

BRONX
Dover Theatre—Sat. Blood and Sand. Sun. Saboteur. Wed.-Thurs., Devil Dogs of the Air, Haunted Hollywood. Fri.-Sat., Cowboy from Brooklyn, Convicted.
Albion Theatre—Sat.-Tues., Saboteur. Wed.-Thurs., Butch Minds the Baby. Fri.-Sun., Ten Gentlemen from West Point. Sat.-Tues., Tortilla Flat, Nazi Agent.
Radio Theatre—Sat.-Sun., Crusade Against the Rackets, Secrets of a Model. Mon. Lulu Theatre—Sat.-Mon., My Gal. Sat. Man Who Couldn't Die. Thurs.-Sat. Saboteur.
Freeman Theatre—Sat.-Mon., Larceny, Inc. Syncope.
Lido Theatre—Sat.-Tues., Same as Freeman.
Fenway Theatre—Sat. Jungle Book. Sun. Gentlemen After Dark. Sun.-Tues., Fleet's In. This Gun for Hire.
Zenith Theatre—Sat. Kid Galahad. Wed. to Singapore. Sun.-Tues., Ringfield Girl, Things to Come.

Merry Widow's Ghost Returns To Broadway

THE MERRY WIDOW, book by Victor Lehar and Leo Stein, lyrics by Adrian Ross, music by Franz Lehár. Musical director Joseph & Tushinsky, staged by John Pierce, book directed by Felix Brantano. Presented by Messrs. Tushinsky and Barisch at Carnegie Hall.

By Ralph Warner

Out of that distant past of long before the first World War comes "The Merry Widow" to haunt Carnegie Hall these July evenings. For it is a ghost of the old show which Messrs. Tushinsky & Barisch present, a robust ghost at times, and a weak, fading spirit at others.

Vocally this revival of the Lehar operetta is certainly equal to the best; and certain performances easily rank with any heretofore seen on the stage. On the production side—settings and general ensemble work—it is probably up to the stock company standard, although below that of Broadway.

Two members of the company are outstanding. Wilbur Evans is a little heavy physically, but he gives a spirited performance of Prince Danilo, and is in fine voice. Elizabeth Houston's Natalie is a pleasure to watch and to hear; she projects the correct gaiety at all times. Eddie Carr's Popoff is amusingly lively. The weakest of the principals, however, happens to be Helen Gleason in the dominant role of the merry widow, Miss Gleason is miscast, and although she has a sweet and ample voice, it is hardly in the sprightly mood of the original.

Lehar's music is as fresh as ever. The famous waltz, Maxim's song, that infectious septette "Women" and "Villa" grin with sentimental memories for the oldsters, and will certainly delight the younger generation.

But the book is hopelessly outdated. It stems out of the Graustarkian era, when Balkan principalities were the subject of humorous jests. Spurious Viennese frivolity of 1905 and the bed-mannered diplomats of that bygone era fall tasteless and flat today. Unquestionably a richer production, with better dancing, scenery, costumes and a more accurate historic mood, might carry it to win success, even today. But this revival's producers make the mistake of injecting modernisms—a conga line, a flash of the Charleston, up-to-date banalities. The result is that the libretto, always the weakest part of "The Merry Widow," descends to downright irritation.

Any Records, Today?

With pledges of complete support and cooperation from both major record manufacturers, Victor and Columbia, the Records for Our Fighting Men campaign to salvage 37,500,000 old phonograph discs and use the proceeds from the sale of this scrap for newly-released recordings in a continuous flow to the American armed forces got under way yesterday.

The American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, comprising more than 1,500,000 members, began knocking on America's doors for a two-week period extending through Aug. 2, to canvass old discs.

RCA-Victor's pledge of support of the campaign, which was organized early last month by a group of noted musical artists, was received this week by Marshall Skadden, Secretary of Records for Our Fighting Men, Inc., the non-profit corporation formed by the artists.

Records for Our Fighting Men, Inc., will supply the American soldiers with phonograph players as well as records for every camp, base, station and post throughout the world. President Roosevelt's Committee on War Relief Agencies has extended

official recognition to Records for Our Fighting Men, Inc., for this program.

The corporation was formed on June 2, by Kay Kyser, Kate Smith, Fritz Reiner, Sigmund Spaeth and Gene Autry. The incorporators asked the help of the American Legion in mapping the campaign, and the Legion Executive Committee, assembled in special session at Indianapolis, offered to throw all its resources behind the drive.

Since early this month the more than 11,000 Legion posts in the United States and the Legionary Auxiliary units have been mobilizing for a swiftly-functioning operation to collect 37,500,000 records during July 17-Aug. 2. The quota is based on the expectation that every Legionnaire and Auxiliary member will turn in an individual collection of 25 or more discs.

In many communities the Legion will be aided by Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Sons of the American Legion as well as other organizations. Collection committees have been formed to direct canvassing operations and to provide the most economical form of transport for carting the records to municipal collection centers.

Great Negro Singer Packs Stadium

Marian Anderson stood in the center of her dressing room behind the Lewisohn Stadium stage and gazed fondly at a large box of flowers an admirer had just sent her.

A few moments before she had sung before the season's greatest crowd. It was the second time within a week that a Negro artist had bested the Stadium attendance record. Paul Robeson had done it on Saturday and now, Thursday, Miss Anderson had packed the place to the stars.

We introduced herself and congratulated her upon the splendid performance. She held out her hand and grasped ours firmly and warmly. "Oh, thank you so much. It was one of the most thrilling moments of my life."

We asked her how she felt about performing before such a great audience. "It's as thrilling as you can imagine. But you should have seen what I saw. During my first number when it was still not dark, the sight of all those people in the seats with the varied colored



MARIAN ANDERSON

clothes, hats and shirts forming a wondrous pattern was breathtaking."

The dressing room became crowded with celebrities, well-wishers and friends. The women who came in kissed Miss Anderson warmly, telling her how much the concert had thrilled them.

Earlier Miss Anderson had sung three numbers on the scheduled program. But the instant applause of the great crowd produced four encores and the audience sat in rapt silence.

She sang arias by Massenet, Handel and Verdi then added some lighter numbers for the encores. When for the last number she announced that she would sing the Ave Maria the audience burst into a shout of happiness.

The concert went too fast for

most of us. You wanted the seconds and the minutes to linger so that the beautiful sound of her voice would stay with you. As you listened you realized why Arturo Toscanini said of her, "She has a voice that comes once in a hundred years."

Soviet-Japanese Border Opens

"Soviet-Japanese Border," stirring and timely Soviet film based on the history-making Battle of Changkufeng on the Soviet-Japanese border in which the Japanese invaders were repulsed by the concentrated might of the Red Army, starts today at the Irving Place Theatre on a double bill with the French film "Claudine."

MOTION PICTURES

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The 'Yellow Caesar' Is Pinned to the Screen

By Milton Meltzer

During the run of his work a reviewer gets around to see several films that fall into his files but not into type. Usually they're too insignificant or too bad to waste space on. But this week produced a few that should be mentioned at least briefly.

The first is "Yellow Caesar," a two-reel satire on Mussolini being shown at the Stanley with "This Is the Enemy" and at the City Newsreel Theatre too. It is a very witty use of the film to expose the hollow and hypocritical of Italy's sawdust dictator. It was made in Britain some time ago by Alberto Cavalcanti and Michael Balcan, both leaders in the documentary field.

Using newscast shots for the most part, it achieves its cleverly pointed effects by a creative re-arrangement of material. You see Mussolini strut out upon his palace balcony and as he stands in awe of himself before the crowds you hear him clearing his throat to speak. After a few garbled words pours out a stream of double-talk punctuated by a few meaningful words poured out. It is screamingly funny, the best style of Zero Mostel taking off on der Adolf.

That visual gag used by a newsreel company last year—making Nazi soldiers do the Lambeth Walk in goosestep—is used by Cavalcanti too. Mussolini parades before his black-shirt legions and they jerk back and forth to a silly tune.

Newscast shots that you've seen before take on an entirely different meaning when the commentary is changed. Once you were told that Il Duce's clearing of the Pontine Marshes was a noble achievement. Now you hear how he enslaved Italy's workers, wrecked their unions, shut them into labor for the dictator's own benefit. And so it's done throughout the film. It begins with the birth of Mussolini, shows his early life as a phony socialist, exposes his "heroic" March on Rome, his "civilizing" of Ethiopia, his attack upon Spain, Albania and Greece and his deals with Hitler.

The political comment is terse, and sometimes rather inadequate, but its general influence is all to the good. We would all enjoy seeing that kind of ingenuity applied progressively by Hollywood or the independents to political issues.

When you see Sam Goldwyn's "Pride of the Yankees" you'll be warmed up for the splendid story of Lou Gehrig by a Disney short—



Anita Sevilla (above), noted Flamenco singer and dancer of Spain, who will be one of a brilliant array of United Nations artists at the Victory Fiesta all day tomorrow at Dexter Park, Jamaica, L. I., which will salute the heroic Spanish people on the sixth anniversary of their unfinished fight against France and the Axis. Two dance bands, led by Ralph Hayes and Estaban Reis, will furnish music. Other stars include Marc Blitstein, Zero Mostel, Harold Rome, the Almanac Singers, Juanita Hall Choir, American Peoples Chorus, Radiosch Dance Group, John White, Sam Gary, Sonny Terry, Brownie McGhee, American Youth Theater, American Folk Dancers. The program runs from 10 A. M. to midnight. The event is under the auspices of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. This is one affair you can't miss!

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Landis' O. K. on Negro Stars Is a Great Democratic Victory for All America

By Nat Low

The ruling of Judge K. M. Landis Thursday, stating that Negro baseball players can be signed to play in the major leagues, is a great victory for the American people, and is real cause for rejoicing.

Judge Landis, who is the Commissioner of Baseball, has struck a mighty blow for unity and democracy in his forthright statement which was issued to the press of the nation after a talk with Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, in reference to an article which appeared in the DAILY WORKER.

This ruling will usher in a new era in the history of the great American game, as it can now be truly called. The signing of Negro stars to major league clubs will not only cause a great influx of new talent into baseball but will result in a great increase in popularity which will be manifested by larger attendances at games.

Added to this will be the better balanced clubs which will make for closer and more interesting pennant races. Negro stars of the caliber of Josh Gibson, Ray Brown, Satchel Paige, Roy Campanella, Willy Wells and others will prove to be fit teammates for the DiMaggios, Reisers, Mizes and Medwicks.

But this victory is not only one for the baseball public. It is also a victory for all the people in their struggle for unity in the fight against the biggest Jim Crower of them all, Adolf Hitler. It is also a result of the whole fight for the rights of the Negro people in this critical time of war.

So it is today that ALL the people can rejoice. The campaign which was started six years ago by the sports page of the DAILY WORKER and was carried on consistently and unflinchingly by Lester Rodney, soon became the property of the whole baseball world. Dozens of big league stars and man-

agers spoke out against the ban. Tens of thousands of fans petitioned Judge Landis to use his power to lift the ban. All over the years the campaign grew and became stronger, broader and more vigorous.

At the start of this baseball season the DAILY WORKER renewed the campaign with redoubled energy. In a short time great trade unions throughout the nation had unanimously declared their opposition to the ban.

Some of the mightiest trade unions of the country joined in. The great Ford Local of the UAW, 80,000 strong, spoke out. The NMU, men who "Keep 'em sailing" spoke out. Local 65 spoke. The Chicago convention of the Wholesale and Retail Workers, CIO, spoke out. The IWO, 150,000 strong, spoke out. The New York City CIO, representing over 500,000 workers, added their powerful voices to the fight. And dozens upon dozens of other unions did the same thing. And besides all this were the countless thousands of individual baseball fans

in every city of the country who sat down to write Judge Landis on the subject.

We on the DAILY WORKER are especially proud of the contribution our paper has made in this fight. The DAILY WORKER sports page tenaciously and vigorously carried the campaign through, year after year. It polled the big leagues. It brought attention to the great Negro stars who could be aces in the big leagues, and above all it helped stimulate the campaign of letters and wires that finally resulted in the position of Judge Landis.

The fight is not yet completely won. The next step is to have the various big league clubs sign up Negro stars. We have no doubt that after the clear, concise statement of Commissioner Landis, the owners of the big league clubs will not hesitate to sign them up.

And we feel that time is not far off.

Major League Stars Blasted Jim Crow In Poll Taken by The Daily Worker

The stars of the major leagues will welcome the Negro players when they are finally signed up to play in the big time. For some years now many major league aces have voiced their opinions on the matter of Negro players and Jim Crow.

In the poll taken in 1939 by the Pittsburgh Courier and the Daily Worker it became known that the major leaguers admired the skill of the Negro stars and would welcome them onto the teams.

Here are some of the statements made by big leaguers in July, 1939:

Bill McKechnie

Here is what McKechnie said in answer to the question, "Would you be willing to use a Negro player on your great team?" He said plainly and emphatically:

"Yes, if given permission I would use a Negro player on my team."

"I have seen any Negro players whom I thought were good enough to play in the majors," he asked the league leading manager rated the smartest in the league, "why, I have seen at least 25 Negro players who could have made the grade."

When asked to name a few, he said, "Offhand, Bullet Joe Rogan, Oscar Charleston, Lefty Hamilton, Satchel Paige, Judy Gans, Josh Gibson and countless others."

"Some of the greatest ball players I have ever seen were Negroes," he continued, "and those whom I have named would have been stars on any major league team in the country."

"And I would use some of them if given permission by those above me. However, it is not up to me to decide upon that question. It is the duty of the league officials and owners to pass on that."

Ernie Lombardi

Catcher Ernie Lombardi, last year's leading hitter and voted Most Valuable Player in the National League for 1938, had this to say:

"I have seen any number of great Negro players out on the Coast playing in the California Winter League. If I could remember their names I could give you at least 12 of them who could play in the majors."

"A few years ago," continued Lombardi, "we played an exhibition game in Oakland, Calif., against a Negro All-Star team. Satchel Paige, the fast ball wizard, pitched against us, and I'm telling you he was as good as Dixie Dean. When he whipped that fast one in there you could hardly see it. Among the boys he fanned on our team, was Dick Bartell, Lilly Jurges, Ernie Pool, Johnny Verges and myself."

Joe DiMaggio

The great Yankee slugger said, "Satchel Paige is the greatest pitcher I have ever batted against."

Frank McCormick

First baseman Frank McCormick, All-Star first sacker of the league who led in runs batted in, said: "Yes, I have seen a number of Negro players whom I thought could make the grade."

Bucky Walters

Bucky Walters had this to say: "I grew up in Philadelphia, which was the hotbed of colored baseball. I saw any number of Negroes who should have made the big leagues. They had some of the best players I have ever seen on those teams."

"I still remember Cannonball Dick Redding and also Santop. They were great players."

Walters recalled that he formerly played basketball.

"I will always remember Pats Jenkins. If he plays baseball the way he did basketball he's a wonder. Other major leaguers tell me that he could make the grade in the big leagues so he must be

allright. I can't remember the names of any more, but I will say that in my opinion there are any number of colored players who could make the big leagues if given the opportunity."

Vander Meer

Johnny Vander Meer, the young pitcher who stormed the Hall of Baseball Fame with two consecutive no-hit games, said:

"I certainly wouldn't object to a good Negro ball player on our team," said young Johnny. "They have some of the best ball players I have ever seen... although it's none of my business, I don't see why they are barred."

Yankee Fans at Stadium Applaud Landis Ruling

By SCORER

Fans at the Yankee Stadium yesterday attending the Yank-Indian game waxed enthusiastic over the ruling of Judge Landis allowing Negroes in the major leagues. Here are a few sample statements gotten by your correspondent at the game.

Fans' quotes — KARL POGAN, watchman, 113 E. 92 St. — "I have attended Negro games for many years. They play peppier than the boys now in the big leagues. Many of them are just as good players."

Thomas Ballard, service worker, 36 West 131 St. — "It's about time they had a chance. Paige and Gibson can make the

grade right now."

Ed Vann, head porter, Yankee Stadium — "Judge Landis should have said that years ago. If prejudices were dropped and intelligence ruled, we would see only ball players out there not white players or Negroes. This statement will help us win the war because it will promote better understanding between Negroes and their white brothers."

Russell Gillan, musician, 935 St. Nicholas Ave. — "Landis' statement if put into effect will give the game more competition. The fans will enjoy it more and it will help attendance."

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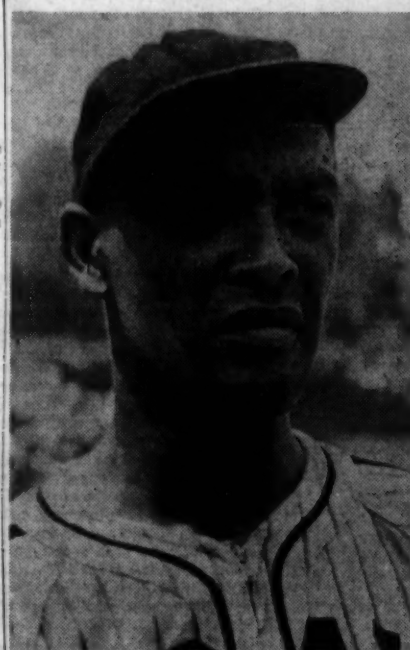
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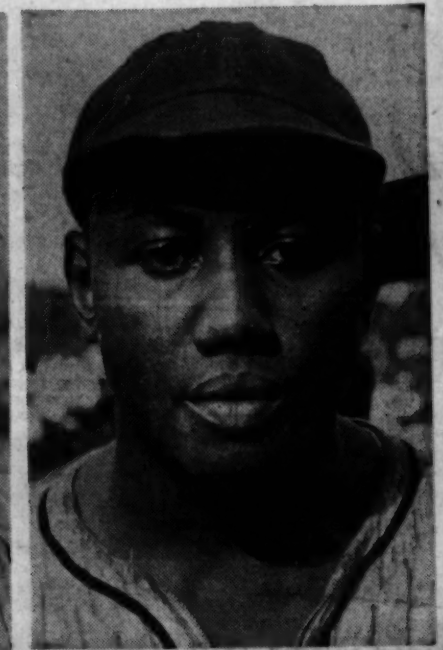
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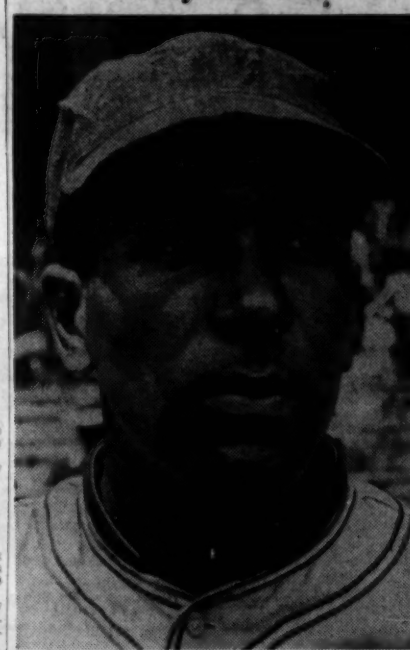
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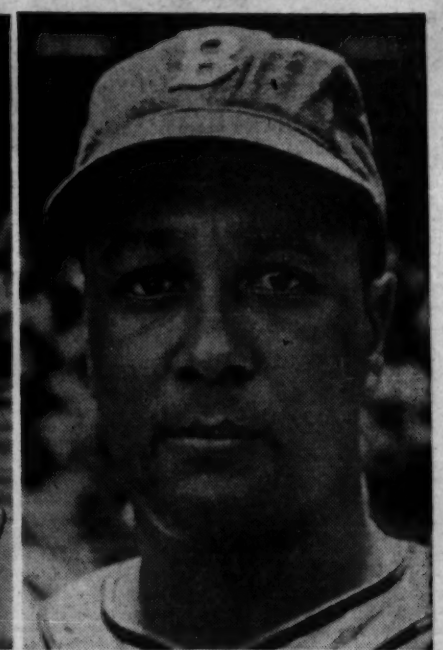
Ray Brown



Josh Gibson



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Here are but four of the many great Negro baseball players who will soon be playing in the major leagues as a result of the Judge Landis ruling. These four are typical and there are many others who have earned the respect of many big league stars. Josh Gibson was called by Walter Johnson, "the greatest catcher in baseball and worth \$250,000 dollars."

Fighting Back at Garden

Things start rolling—or, should we say—boxers start bouncing again at Madison Square Garden a week from tomorrow night (Thursday, July 23).

Idle since May 28, the Garden ring will be put back into use with a program headlined by an attractive heavyweight match between Tami Mauriello, of the Bronx, and Red Burman, Baltimore; and an important featherweight bout between Charlie (Lulu) Costantino, East Side, and Pedro Hernandez, Brooklyn. The heavyweight tilt is slated for ten rounds, the featherweight contest for twelve.

Winner of Sonny Boy Walker, Johnny Shkor, and Frank Zamoris in recent months, Burman has been displaying fine form of late and figures to give Mauriello one of the toughest tests the Bronxite has had since he entered the ranks of the

heavyweights.

As for the Costantino-Hernandez clash, interest in this meeting is high because the winner moves into a featherweight title bout against Chalky Wright and because their last meeting, a few weeks ago, produced one of the major upsets of the summer season when Costantino, who had dropped only one decision in close to 60 fights, was clearly outpointed by Hernandez.

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